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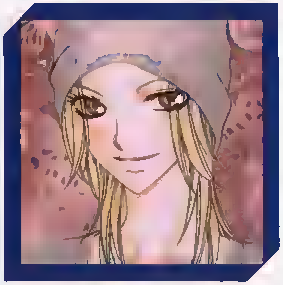

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Episode 60

FATE IS REAL.

IT'S THE DRIVING FORCE...

...BEHIND EVEN THINGS THAT APPEAR TO BE COINCIDENCE.

THAT'S WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THINGS HAPPEN FOR A REASON.

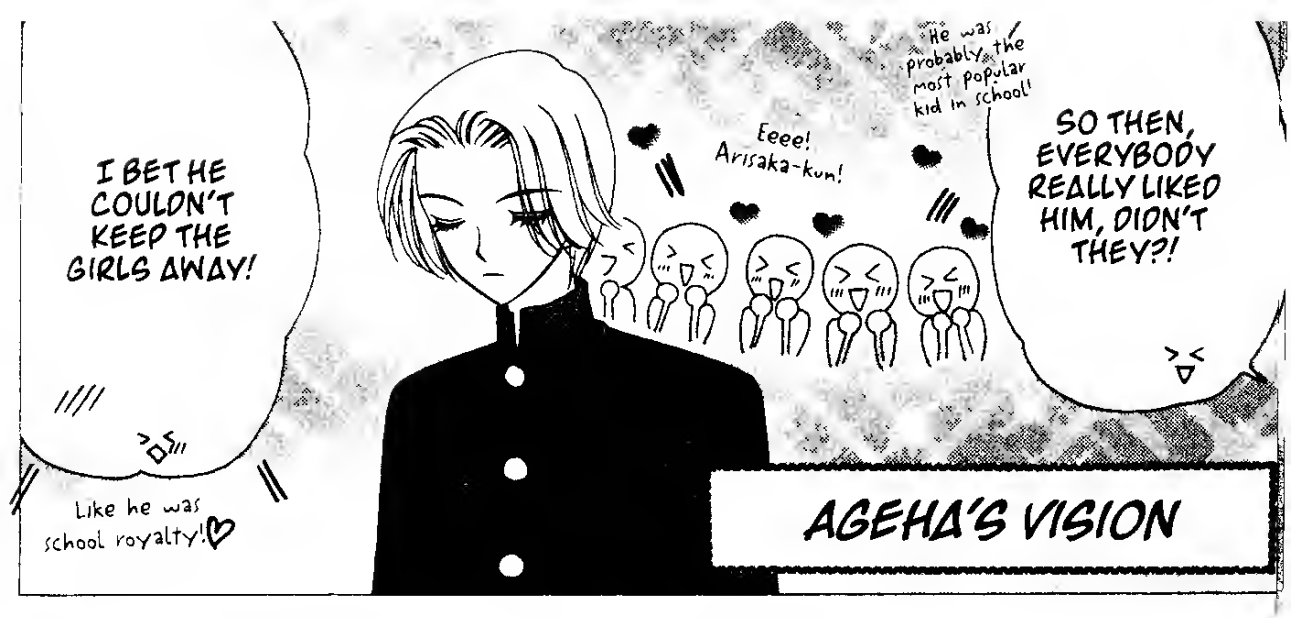
SO HOW LONG...
...HAVE YOU TWO BEEN TOGETHER?
FASHION DESIGN I
Studying up
STUMBLE...
Been together?
ダッ
AGEHA, YOU KNOW...
...YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE KUROMINE AND I ARE DATING.
OH, I SAID IT WRONG?

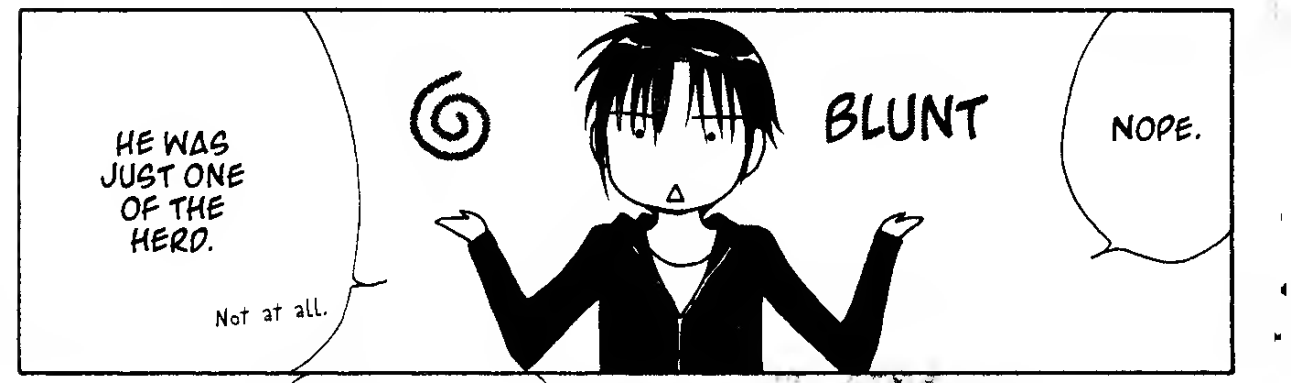
YES!
That!!
YOU'RE TRYING TO ASK HOW LONG WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
forcible re-arrangement
Aghhh! My head!
Erggh!
I THINK YOUR HEAD NEEDS TO BE RE-ARRANGED.
HOW ABOUT, "HOW'D YOU TWO GET TOGETHER," THEN?
HEH HEH HEH ...
I'M GLAD YOU ASKED.
DA-DADA-DAH!!
AS OF THIS SPRING... ♪
...YUKARI-KUN AND I WILL BE CELEBRATING OUR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!

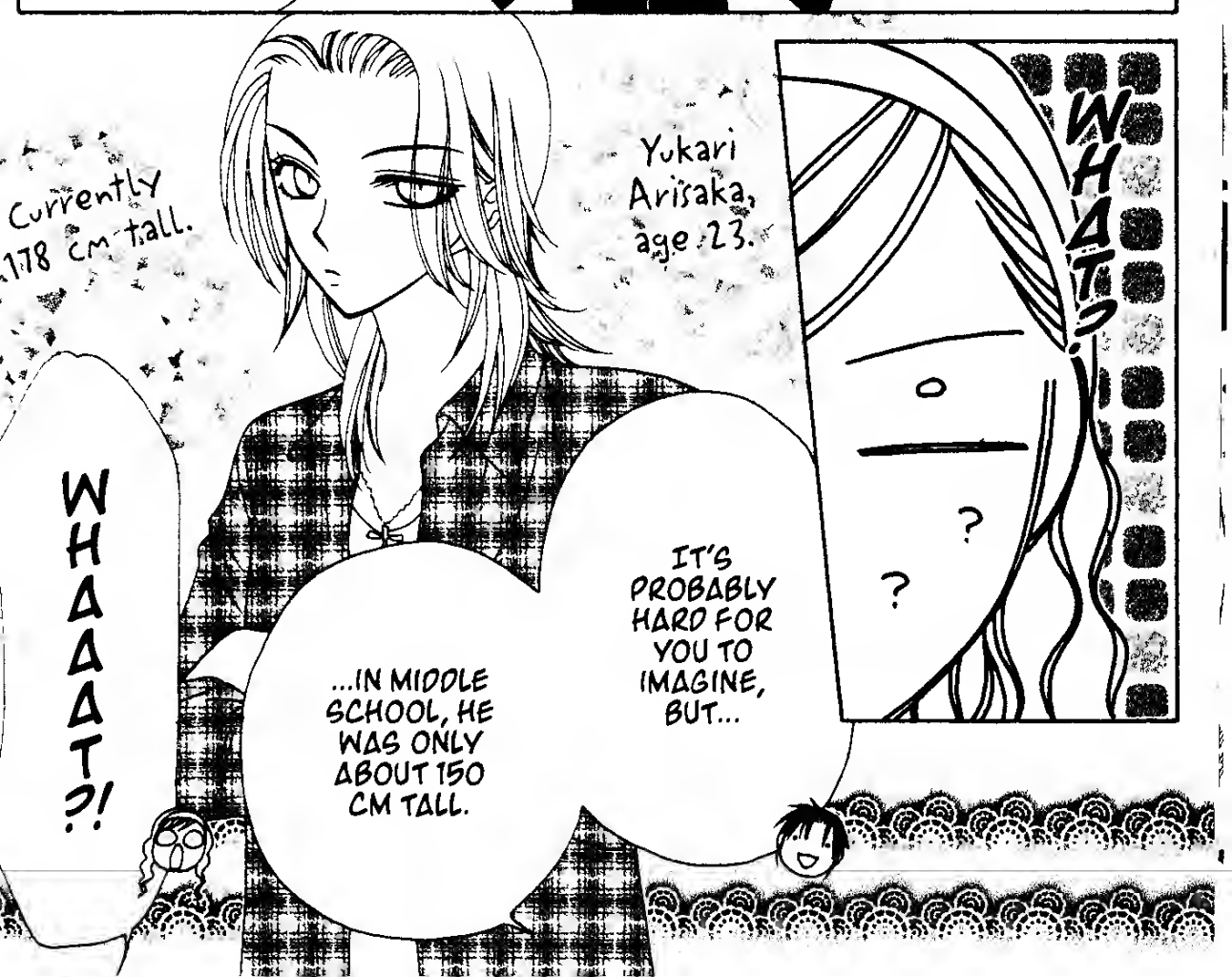
YUKARI-KUN! WE'VE ALMOST MADE IT TO OUR DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY!
And a diamond is forever.
SQUEEZE
YOU ARE SO NOT HELPING ANYTHING!!
Stop fostering her delusions!
AND THEN? AND THEN?
Squee!
Squee!
IT BEGAN--
RARRR!
DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL! DEFINITELY DON'T TELL!
IT ALL STARTED WITH...
SIGH...

STOP TWISTING THE TRUTH!!
SQUEE! OH MY GOSH!
...“MITSU, WILL YOU BE WITH ME?”
His Yukari impression
Why are you doing this to me?!
AGHHH! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!!
YUKARI, I NEED YOU AT ROSA FOR A SEC. NOW.
If it's not one, it's another!!
Come help me
I'M NOT BEING A PARTY POOPER!!
ARISAKA-SAN, DON'T BE SUCH A PARTY POOPER.
You're impossible!
I just want to hear the whoooole story!
I'LL ONLY SPEAK THE TRUTH!
GRR!
LISTEN, MITSU!
DON'T GO GETTING YOUR FACTS MIXED UP, OKAY?!

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH.
Have fun!
ビシッ
NO LIES!!
And an accusatory fingerpointing, for good measure.
SLAM
YUKARI-KUN WAS SUCH A CUTIE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
SQUEE! SQUEE! REALLY?!
AND THEN? AND THEN?!
くるっ
TWIRL
Completely transparent.


I BET HE COULDN'T KEEP THE GIRLS AWAY!
Like he was school royalty!♡
Eeee! Arisaka-kun!
He was probably the most popular kid in school!
SO THEN, EVERYBODY REALLY LIKED HIM, DIDN'T THEY?!
AGEHA'S VISION


HE WAS JUST ONE OF THE HERD.
Not at all.
BLUNT
NOPE.


Currently 178 cm tall.
Yukari Arisaka, age 23.
WHAAAT?!
IT'S PROBABLY HARD FOR YOU TO IMAGINE, BUT...
...IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, HE WAS ONLY ABOUT 150 CM TALL.
WHAAAT?!
WHAT?!
o
?
?

Hello, this is Banri Hidaka.

Ta-da!! I've finally written it!! The story of how Yukari and Mitsuya met in middle school. What a pleasure that I got to do this!

...ABOUT THE BLOSSOM OF YOUTH! (blush)

I FINALLY DREW A STORY...

But...
But...

A lot of people asked... "SO THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW MITSUYA FELL IN LOVE WITH YUKARI?" But it isn't...

Oops?

In the end, it doesn't really matter.

Hee hee

Anyway, this was one of the stories that I've really wanted to write. But it took me so long to get around to it! We're already in the 11th volume! Forgive me. I have no comment. Anyway, I hope you enjoy this story and my 37th manga volume, V.B. Rose Volume 11!! Hee hee!

By the way, I stole the hairstylist from the end of volume 10 from my other manga, "I Hate You More Than Anyone" (lol)

'sup?

...WE WERE IN THE SAME CLASS IN OUR SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.

...BUT SINCE WE WENT TO DIFFERENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, I DIDN'T MEET YUKARI-KUN UNTIL...

THERE WEREN'T THAT MANY STUDENTS IN OUR YEAR...

OHHH.

THE CHARACTERISTICS THAT YOUNG GIRLS CONSIDER WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER A BOY IS POPULAR OR NOT ARE...

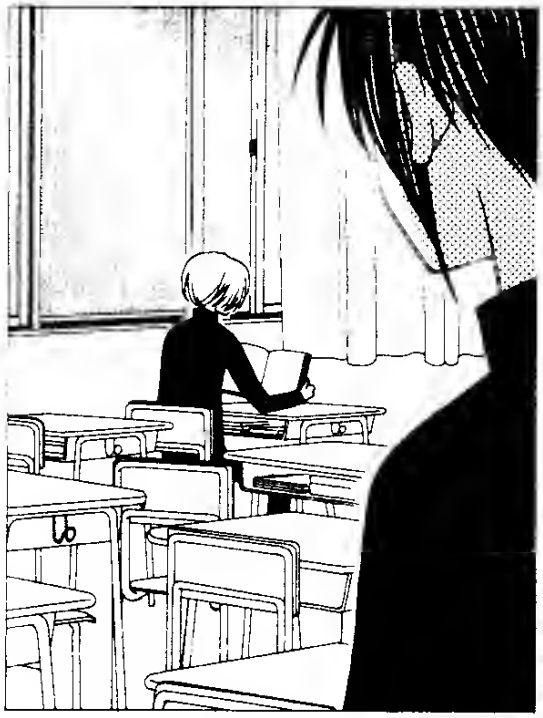
① GOOD LOOKING
② ATHLETIC
③ FUNNY
④ TALL

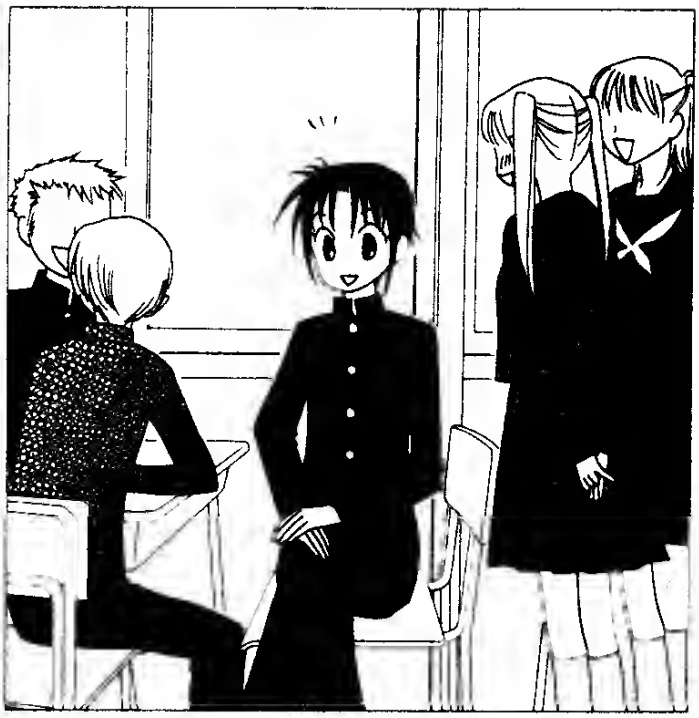
I'VE NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT SURE.

I MEAN, THAT DOESN'T COVER EVERYTHING, BUT THOSE FOUR ARE ALWAYS FACTORS, RIGHT?

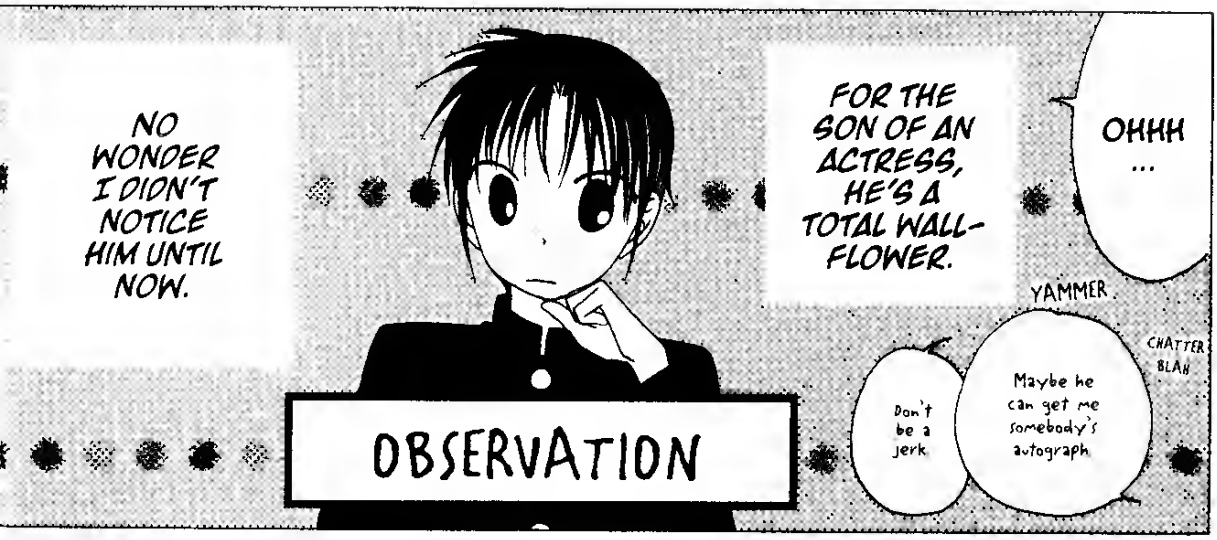
BUT THAT'S A STORY FOR A DIFFERENT DAY.
Oh, okay. Sure.
SO, THERE WE WERE IN OUR SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.
IT WAS THE SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS--MAY.
BUT ME... I SCORED A PERFECT 10 ACROSS THE BOARD IN THOSE TRAITS!!
UH, SURE.
Top Score!
Bravo!!
HUH? MAY?
You mean didn't notice him until school had already been in session for a month?!
WELL... HA HA HA HA.
MAY?!!
HMM...
HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...?

2-5
HE WAS SO UNREMARKABLE THAT I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE HIM.
You're so bad Kuromine kun!
Can you believe that?
HA HA HA
That's hilarious!
HA HA HA
I know what you mean!
Yeah?
KUROMINE-KUN JUST LIGHTS UP THE ROOM.
HE SO DOES!
THEY'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN.
I KNOW.
KUROMINE-KUN'S GROUP IS STILL HERE.
Wow!
SQUEE SQUEE
You're stupid!
HA HA HA





"YUKARI"?
Her quiet and
...HE SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY AVERAGE KID. BUT I'VE NEVER TALKED TO HIM, SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
But he's a boy, right?
THOUGH THERE WAS SOME KIND OF RUMOR...
about his mom
OH, I KNOW IT.
HEY, WHO'S THAT KID?
WHO?
OH, ARISAKA?
HIS NAME IS YUKARI ARISAKA.
he went to my elementary school
KUROMINE-KUN, YOU KNOW THAT ACTRESS RAN KASHIWAGI, RIGHT?
SHE'S ARISAKA'S MOM.
HUH? WHAT'S THE SON OF A CELEBRITY DOING OUT HERE IN THE COUNTRY?
I'VE HEARD HER NAME BEFORE.
I HEARD HIS PARENTS ARE DIVORCED.


NO WONDER I DIDN'T NOTICE HIM UNTIL NOW.
FOR THE SON OF AN ACTRESS, HE'S A TOTAL WALL-FLOWER.
OHHH ...
YAMMER
CHATTER BLAH
Don't be a jerk.
Maybe he can get me somebody's autograph.
OBSERVATION

THAT WAS FAST.
... THANKS FOR THE BOOK.
IT WAS A GOOD READ!

ARI-SAKA ...
OH WELL.
What are you guys talking about?
Well...

さわ...

COOL.

WHOAAAA!!
HE'S CRIMINALLY CUTE!!
BADUM
HE'S NOT "AVERAGE" AT ALL!!
BADUM
That caught me off guard.
HE DIDN'T TALK MUCH...
...BUT WHEN HE DID IT WAS WITH A HIGH, CLEAR VOICE.
Kuro-mine?
AND HIS SMILE GOT STUCK IN MY HEAD...

...AND I WAS SUDDENLY STRUCK BY THE URGE TO TALK TO HIM.
KURO-MINE?
カ
ヲ
HEY.
WHAT ARE YOU READING?
He's even prettier up-close.

TURN
GRIN
MY FIRST ATTEMPT ENDED IN FAILURE.
BOOP
IS HE IGNORING ME...?
H-HA?
SILENCE

RUN AWAY
MY NEXT AT-TEMPTU WENT LIKE
I found you!!
ARISAKA-KUN!!
He was just here, right? Right?
Dunno
ARISAKA-KUN?!
You can't escape!
すたっ
ARISAKA-KUN?!
There you are
ARISAKA KUN!
Arisaka kun!!
HE...

You all right?
thu
I think he's avoiding me!!
...HE'S ALWAYS ON HIS GUARD...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?
AND HE'S REALLY GOOD AT HIDING IN A CROWD.
REALLY good
I'm stoked!
Let's play soccer
THE GREATER THE CHAL-LENGE...
...THE GREATER THE REWARD!!
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.
Good luck anyway
DOESN'T ANY-ONE ELSE SEE HOW SPECIAL HE IS? HE'S SO INTERESTING!
I DIDN'T KNOW I STILL HAD THIS KIND OF PASSION (?) IN ME!!
I'm shocked.

GLEAM
THAT'S HOW I'LL GET HIM TO SMILE AT ME!!
New objective.
STEP ONE IS CONVERSATION. I HAVE TO GET HIM TO TALK TO ME.
HE HASN'T EVEN SAID A WORD TO ME YET!!
Why am I getting the cold shoulder?
Hnngh.
OH, I KNOW! I JUST HAVE TO ENGAGE HIM IN A SUBJECT HE'S INTERESTED IN.
SHIVER

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...GOT A BAD FEELING.
I JUST...

Three days later!
CRAP.
HEY THERE!

THIS SUCKS...
TODAY MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY! ☆♪
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU, SO I FIGURED YOU'D BE HERE RIGHT NOW--AND I WAS RIGHT!
...BUT WHY?
YEAH, YOU READ BOOKS IN ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT PLACES.
SO I HAD TO RELY ON LUCK!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
Wow! ♡ A conversation ♪
WHY ARE YOU STALKING ME?

BECAUSE I'M IN-TERESTED.
IN-TERESTED
IS THAT SO.

ARISAKA-KUN...
JEEZ, I'M CHASING YOU LIKE YOU'RE A GIRL.
WHOA, WAIT!
THIS ISN'T WHAT I WANT TO SAY.
I SAW HER ON TV.
YOU DO HAVE A GIRL'S NAME, AND GIRLY FEATURES
YOU'RE PRETTY LIKE YOUR MOM, HUH?
HUH?

PUNCH

ACK, I'M GOING TO FALL!!
HE HIT ME?!
WHETHER IT'S GIRLS OR BOYS YOU'RE AFTER...
ANYONE WHO UNDERESTIMATES ME IS GOING TO END UP IN A WORLD OF PAIN.

ばっ

どてっ
THUD

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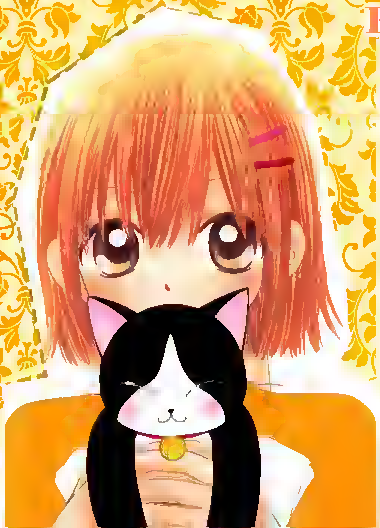
HE'S SO COOL!!
HE'S...
EVEN MORE INTERESTED.
TAP
Squeee!
Ahhhh!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
NOW I WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH HIM EVEN MORE!!
Who does that Arisaka think he is?!
BADUM
BADUM

THE VIOLENT CINDERELLA...
...FORGOT NOT HER GLASS SLIPPER, BUT...
...A WELL-LOVED BOOK.
THIS...IS THE BOOK THAT ARISAKA-KUN IS ALWAYS READING.
HE MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN IT. I'VE GOT TO GIVE IT BACK TO HIM.
Ahhh...
Hmph...
NOW I HAVE ANOTHER EXCUSE TO TALK TO HIM!!
BADUM BADUM
キラー
Chasing the white rabbit down the stalker hole.



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Episode 61

OTHER PEOPLE CAN BE SO ANNOYING.

DON'T GET CLOSE TO ME JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE CURIOUS. DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT STUFF THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.

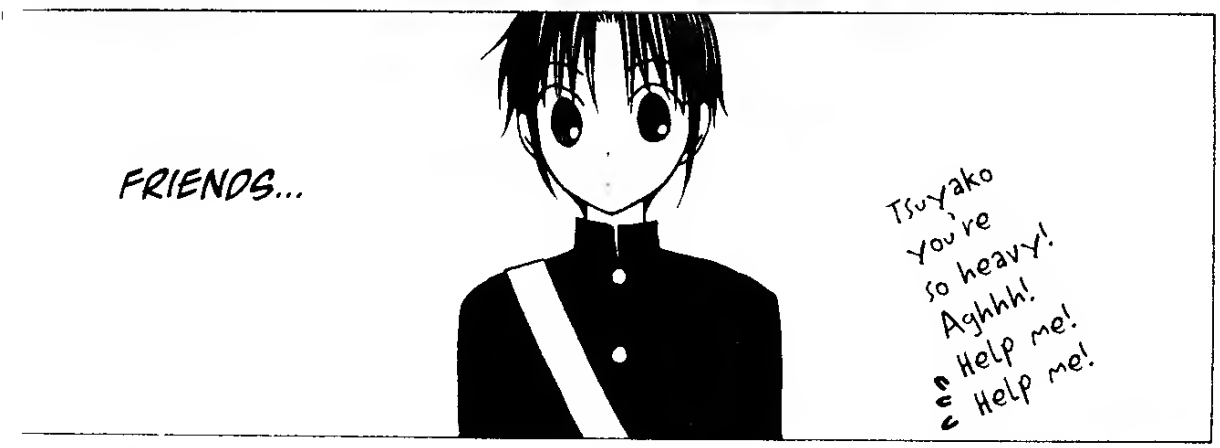
JEEZ! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!!

KUROMINE
I'M HOME.
ARF!
TSUYAKO!

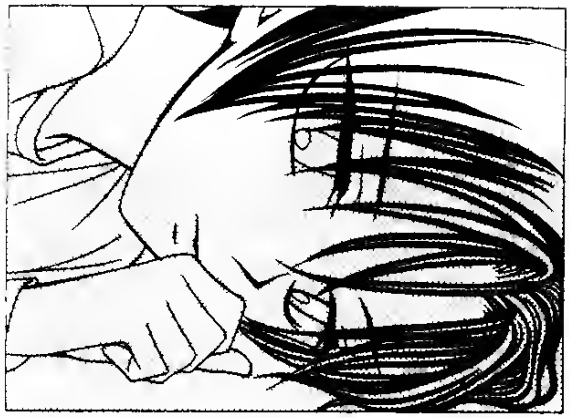
ステー
STAY.
たっ
LIE DOWN.
ちょん
SIT.
ぎゅう
GOOD GIRL, TSUYAKO! I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! ♪

Shizuya, 2nd grade
SHIZUYA?!
おい
おい
WHAT?
ぽこ
ぽこ
HEY, MITSUYA.
ぶぎゃ
YOU'RE ALL BEAT UP! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?!
A FIGHT?!
Ha hah!
I GOT IN A FIGHT!
SHII-CHAN, DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
WE SPOKE WITH OUR FISTS!!

Tsuyako, that tickles!!
'CAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS.
SLURP
HOW WERE YOU ABLE TO MAKE UP SO FAST?
No, it's cool!
Not good!
SO YOU REALLY GOT INTO A FIGHT?
BUT WE'RE BACK TO BEING FRIENDS AGAIN!
OM NOM NOM
THAT WAS FAST.


FRIENDS...
Tsuyako you're so heavy! Aghhh! Help me! Help me!

"...ANYONE WHO UNDER-ESTIMATES ME WILL END UP IN A WORLD OF PAIN."
"BOY OR GIRL..."
I'M PRETTY SURE HE WAS MAD AS HELL.
...I WONDER IF THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A "FIGHT"?
...OKAY, I ADMIT I'VE BEEN PRETTY AN-NOYING.
MAYBE I SAID SOME-THING THAT OFFENDED HIM.
Hmm.



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SO WHY IS THIS SITUATION GETTING TO ME?!
I DON'T THINK THAT CONVER-SATION COUNTED AS "STEP ONE"!
I made him mad!

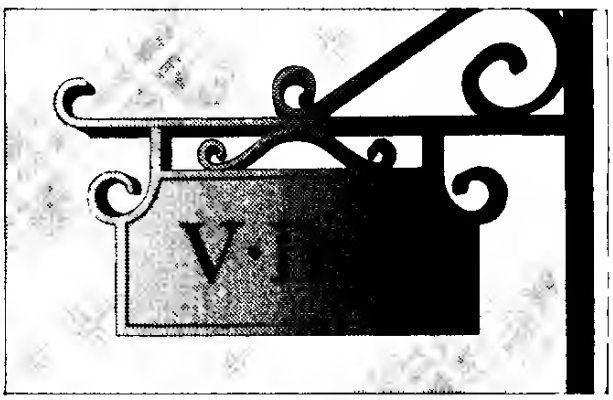
I'M INSEN-SITIVE WHEN IT COMES TO PAIN.
I'M INDIFFERENT TO MY OWN...
...AND ANYONE ELSE'S.

ハッ
HIS BOOK ...
HIS BOOK ...!
カバ
I WAS SO CAUGHT UP ON WHAT HE SAID THAT I FORGOT ABOUT IT...
ばっ
I'LL APOLOGIZE WHEN I GIVE THIS BACK TO HIM TOMORROW.
OH, HERE IT IS.
ペラ
I WONDER WHAT THIS BOOK IS ABOUT ...?
HE...ALWAYS CARRIES THIS AROUND LIKE IT'S SUPER IMPORTANT.
Design

HMM ...
SO THIS IS HOW CLOTHES ARE MADE.
With "patterns"?
A BOOK ABOUT MAKING CLOTHING?
HE LIKES THIS KIND OF STUFF?
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
FLIP
FASHION...?

THE NEXT DAY...
2-5
I'LL BE TAKING ROLL CALL NOW.
ARISAKA ...?
IT SEEMS HE'S ABSENT TODAY.
I'LL JUST... WAIT 'TIL TOMORROW.
AGHHH! BUT I WANTED TO TALK TO HIM TODAY!
And get the apology over with!
I'M KINDA DIS-APPOINTED AND KINDA RELIEVED AT THE SAME TIME?
HE'S ABSENT
Hmm don't know what to think
No wonder I didn't see him
Here
Here
Here
Here

THE NEXT DAY...
ARISAKA IS ABSENT TODAY.
WHAT?
AND THE DAY AFTER...
IT SEEMS ARISAKA IS STILL OUT SICK.
WHAT?!
HE'S BEEN SICK THIS WHOLE TIME?!
I MEAN, HE'S A PRETTY DELICATE-LOOKING GUY, BUT...
OH NO! AT THIS RATE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN THE BOOK TO HIM.
ACTUALLY, THE THING THAT GETS ME...
...IS THAT I HAVEN'T APOLOGIZED SO HE'S SPENT ALL THIS TIME HATING ME!!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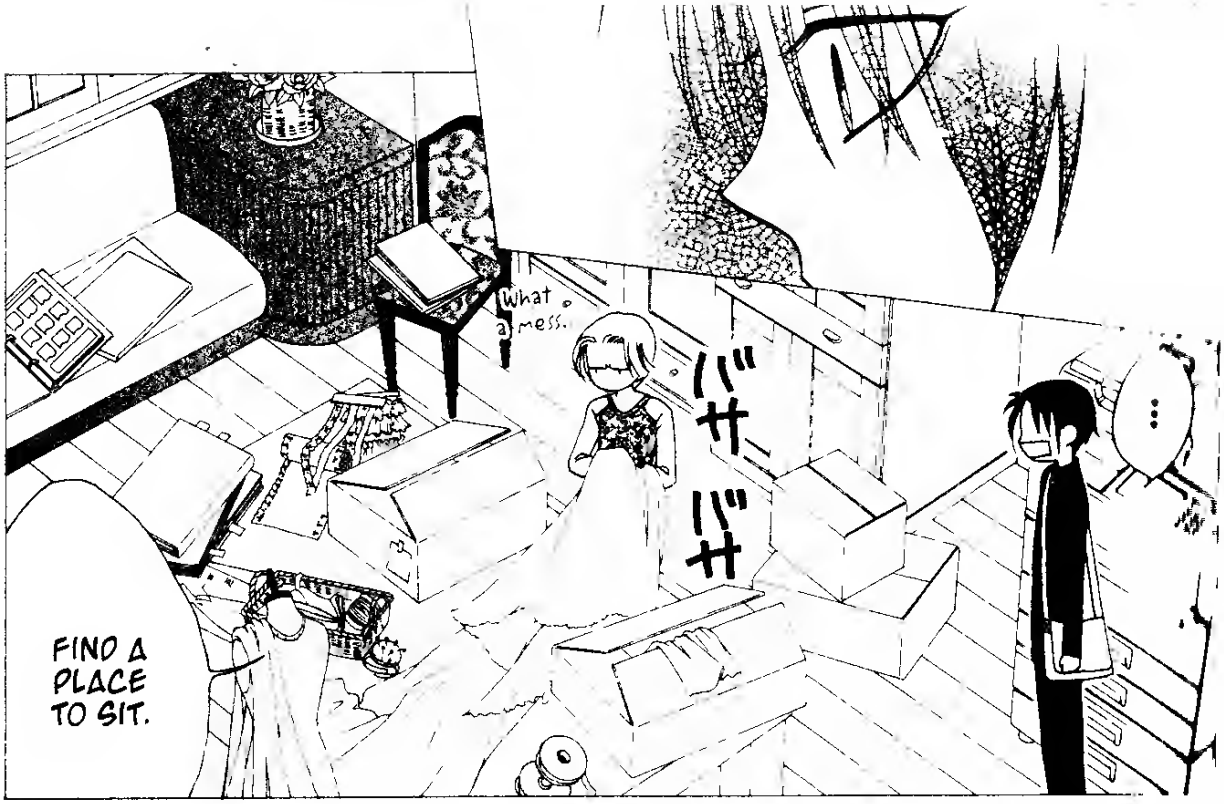
SWWF
GULP
...
UMM ...
EXCUSE ME?
ギィ...
...
I CAN'T FIND A DOORBELL EITHER!!
BADUM
BADUM
WHAT'S WITH THIS AWESOME MANSION?!
Okay, so I just decided I should visit, but
IT'S HUGE.
BADUM
BADUM

SPARKLE
SPARKLE
WELCOME!
THAT MUST BE THE CUSTOMER! YUKARI, CAN YOU ANSWER THE DOOR?
I'M ON IT!
WHEW! I JUST MADE THE DEADLINE!
バ
バ
バ
バ
?!
He's, like, glowing...

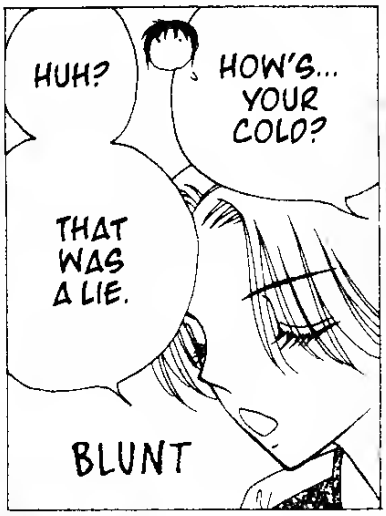
HUH? HE DOESN'T LOOK SICK AT ALL!
"WELCOME"?
? ?
?
What happened to his cold?
...OH, IT'S YOU.
Clearly disappointed.
BADUM
OH.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WHERE DO I START?
...I CAME... TODAY...
... BECAUSE ...
... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.
U... UM...
YIKES! I...

"DAD"?!
OH? IT WASN'T THE CUSTOMER AT THE DOOR?
DAD.
HE'S SO YOUNG!!
THEY'RE LIKE TWINS!!
He's got the flowery aura, too!
So many things to be surprised about.
HELLO!
ARE YOU A FRIEND OF YUKARI'S?!
NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M YUKARI'S FATHER.
はあ

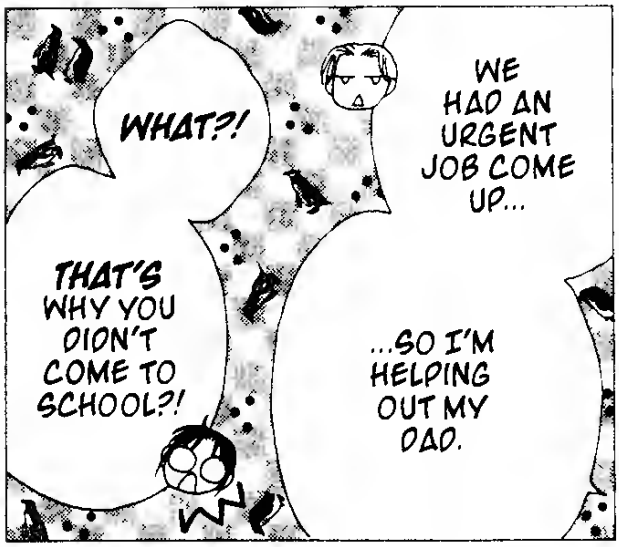
YES?
In a world of his own
RIRI-CHAN! WE HAVE SOME SWEETS LYING AROUND, DON'T WE? ♪
HEY...! DAD!
He's NOT...
I've finally lived to see the day Yukari had a friend over!
COME IN, COME IN!
I'LL GO POUR YOU SOME TEA.
Arf...!
NO...
...NO, NOT AT ALL.
HURRAY!!
TMP
TMP
TMP
Do you mind if we go to the atelier?
FOLLOW ME.


What a mess.
バサ バサ
FIND A PLACE TO SIT.

A LIE?!

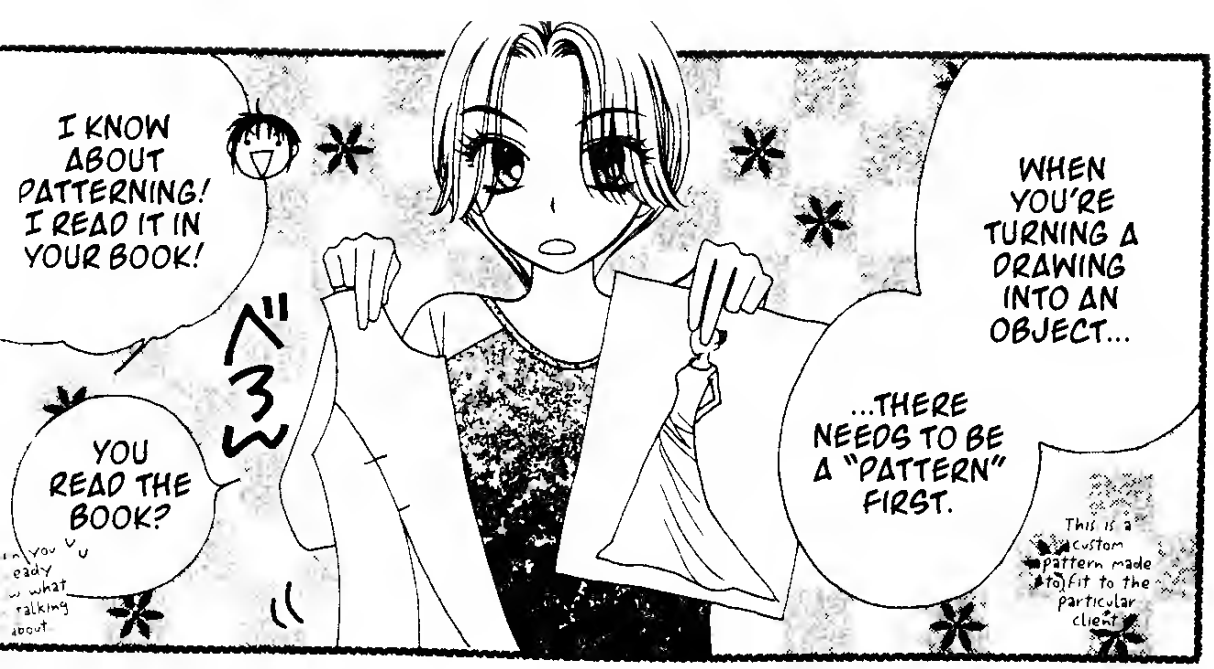

HUH?
HOW'S... YOUR COLD?
THAT WAS A LIE.
BLUNT

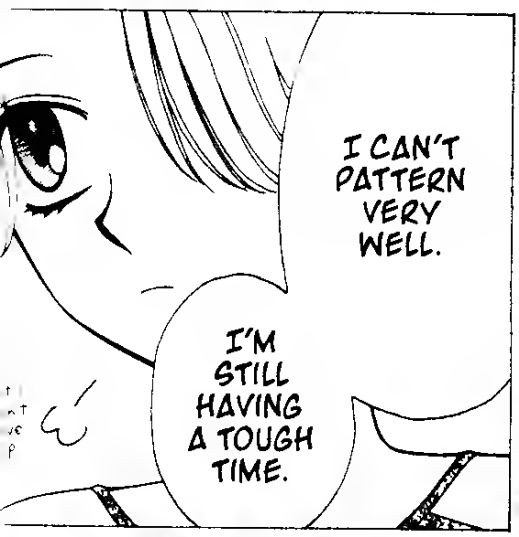
How can everything sparkle?
Even though you can't tell it's one from the outside
Ugh! I'll just shove it in this box!!
SO YOU LIVE AT A SHOP.
WE MAKE CUSTOM WEDDING DRESSES HERE...
...AND NEXT DOOR WE RENT OUT DRESSES.

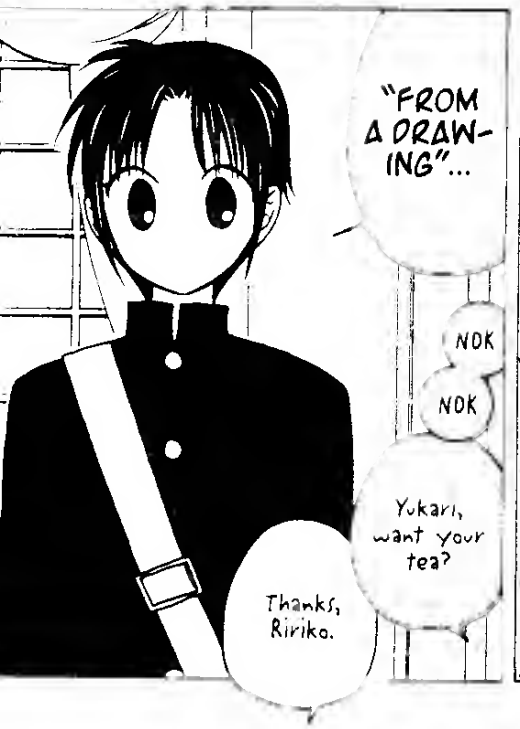

WHAT?!
THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL?!
WE HAD AN URGENT JOB COME UP...
...SO I'M HELPING OUT MY DAD.

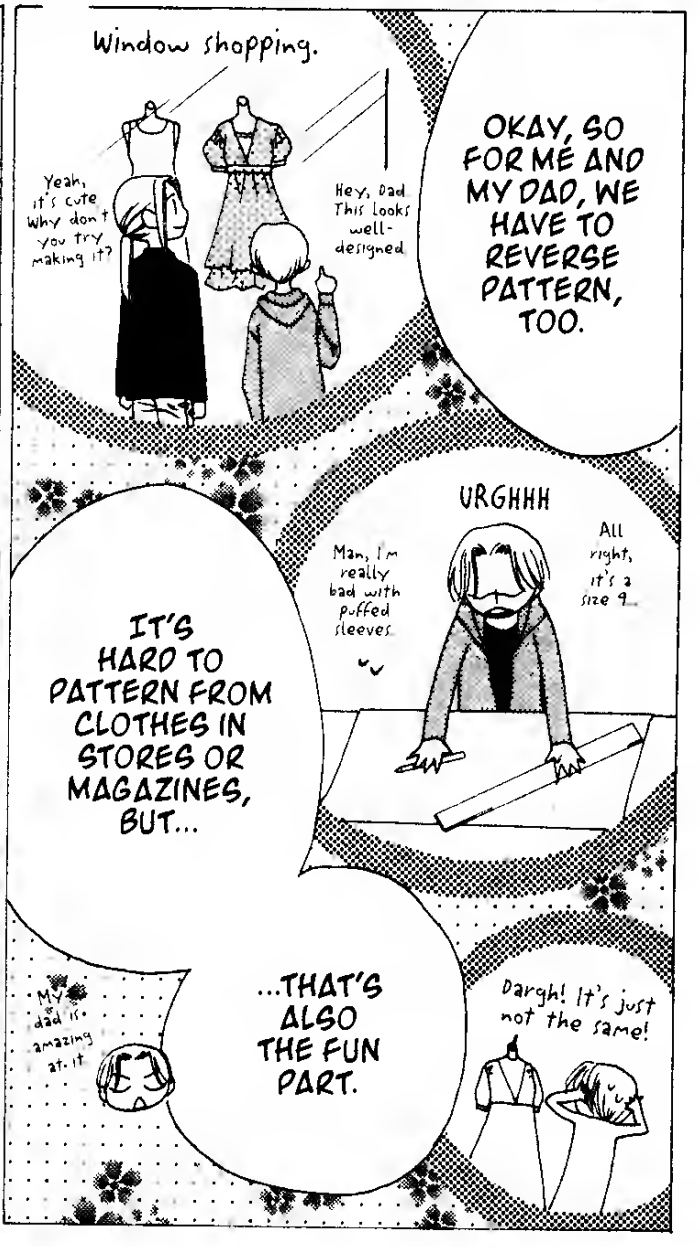
SAY WHAAAT?!
BUT HE'S A KID! HE SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL! WON'T HE GET IN TROUBLE?
ごぉぉぉ
Culture shock.
He's serious when it comes to certain things
ALL THE TIME?!
I DO IT ALL THE TIME.
SO...
...KUROMINE-KUN?
...WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR...

THANKS.
OH.
I KNEW I LEFT IT THERE.
OH, RIGHT!
THE BOOK! YOU DROPPED THIS BOOK LAST TIME I SAW YOU...
DO YOU MAKE CLOTHES TOO, ARISAKA-KUN?
I ONLY SEW.
I'M STILL LEARNING...
...HOW TO PATTERN.
mumble...
WE'RE HAVING A CONVER-SATION!
LEARNING, YOU SAY?!
BADUM BADUM
OOH LA LA


I KNOW ABOUT PATTERNING! I READ IT IN YOUR BOOK!
YOU READ THE BOOK?
WHEN YOU'RE TURNING A DRAWING INTO AN OBJECT...
...THERE NEEDS TO BE A "PATTERN" FIRST.
This is a custom pattern made to fit to the particular client


I CAN'T PATTERN VERY WELL.
I'M STILL HAVING A TOUGH TIME.


"FROM A DRAWING"...
NOK
NOK
Yukari, want your tea?
Thanks, Ririko.


Window shopping.
Yeah, it's cute Why don't you try making it?
Hey, Dad This looks well-designed
OKAY, SO FOR ME AND MY DAD, WE HAVE TO REVERSE PATTERN, TOO.
URGHHH
Man, I'm really bad with puffed sleeves
All right, it's a size 9...
IT'S HARD TO PATTERN FROM CLOTHES IN STORES OR MAGAZINES, BUT...
...THAT'S ALSO THE FUN PART.
My dad is amazing at it
Dargh! It's just not the same!

Does anyone mind if I use this space for a retrospective of 2007? The end of the year is always busy for me. Yes, busy in a lot of ways...

Let me tell you the story that is the most recent and memorable of them all, one that makes you go, "Oh my, Hidaka-san! I'm so sorry!"

It happened at the beginning of November.

MY PRECIOUS CAR BECAME SCRAP METAL.

As a result, I still have to visit the hospital off and on. Ha ha...

Should I start the story over from the beginning?

On November 2nd, I had just finished manga pages for a contest and was starting work on Episode 67 of V.B.Rose. I got in my car to pick up some reference materials from a bookstore. On the way there, as I was driving in the carpool lane, a car crashed into my right side! INTO MY RIGHT SIDE!! IT HIT THE DRIVER'S SIDE HEAD-ON!!

Eeek!

(Continued in the next column...) →

...TURNING A MASCOT CHARACTER LIKE AMY-CHAN HERE INTO A STUFFED ANIMAL?!

munch

IS THAT LIKE

MMPH?

AMY LAND

Where did you pull that from?

and come meet Amy!

Bring your friends

PRETTY MUCH.

SQUEAK SQUEAK

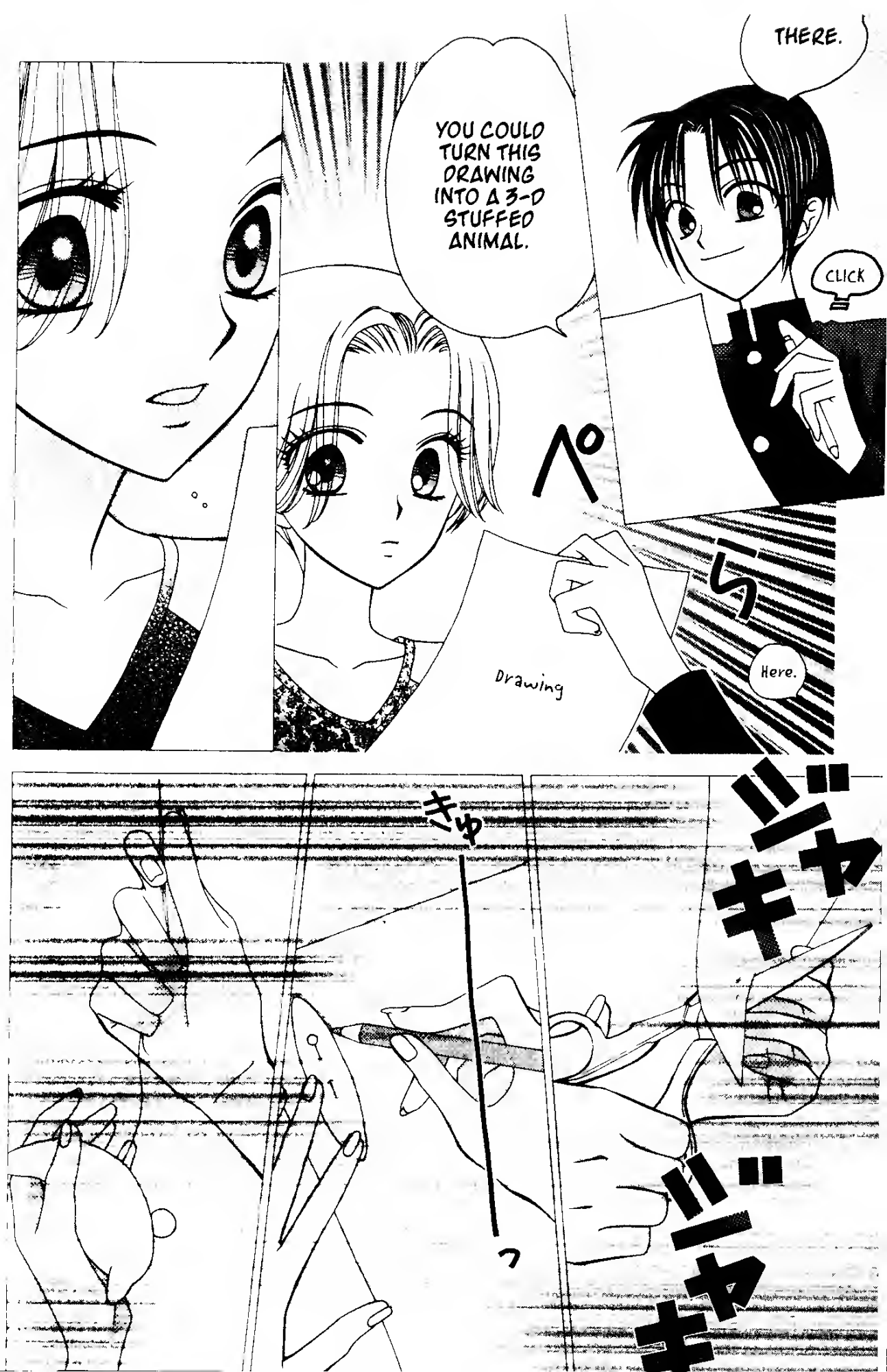
SCRITCH

SCRITCH SCRITCH

SQUEAK

WAIT A SECOND

SCRITCH SCRITCH


THERE.
CLICK
YOU COULD TURN THIS DRAWING INTO A 3-D STUFFED ANIMAL.
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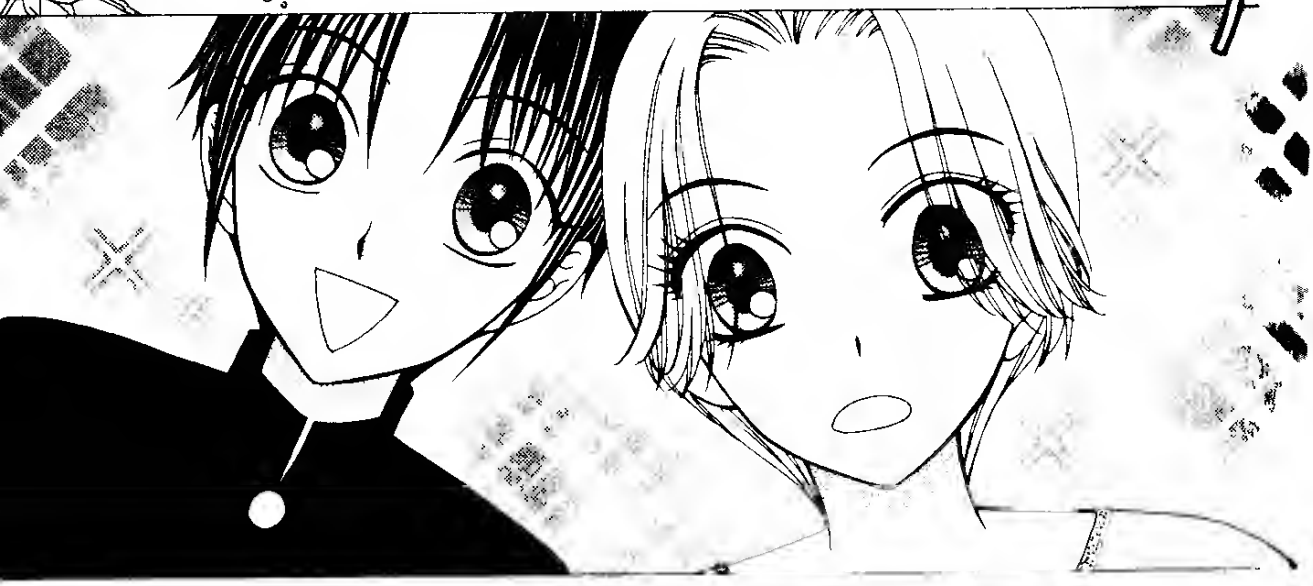
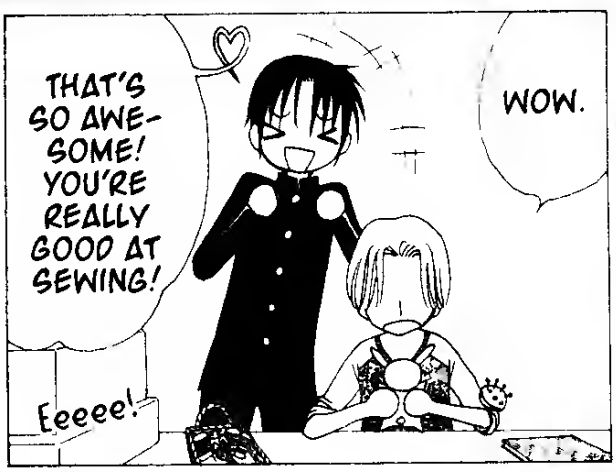
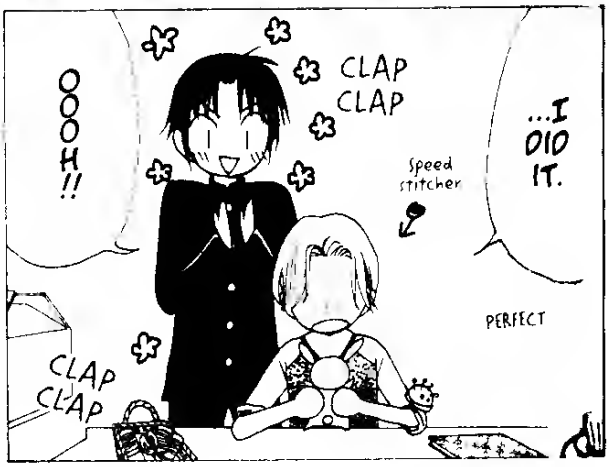



THAT'S SO AWE-SOME! YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT SEWING!
WOW.
Eeeee!


CLAP CLAP
OOOH!!
...I DID IT.
Speed stitcher
PERFECT
CLAP CLAP

NO, YOU'RE THE AMAZING ONE!!
IMPRESSED.
YOU PATTERNED PERFECTLY!
This is freaking cute!
"freaking cute"?
HUH?
?
ALL YOU DID WAS READ THIS BOOK?
Oh
SORRY I READ IT WITHOUT ASKING.
Yeah
THAT BOOK WAS INTERESTING.
WELL, SURE.
IT'S A LOT OF FUN TO MAKE A FLAT OBJECT INTO A 3-D ONE.

!
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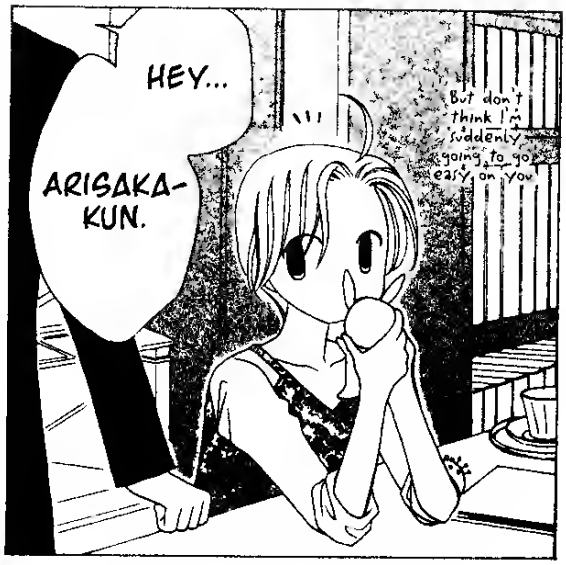
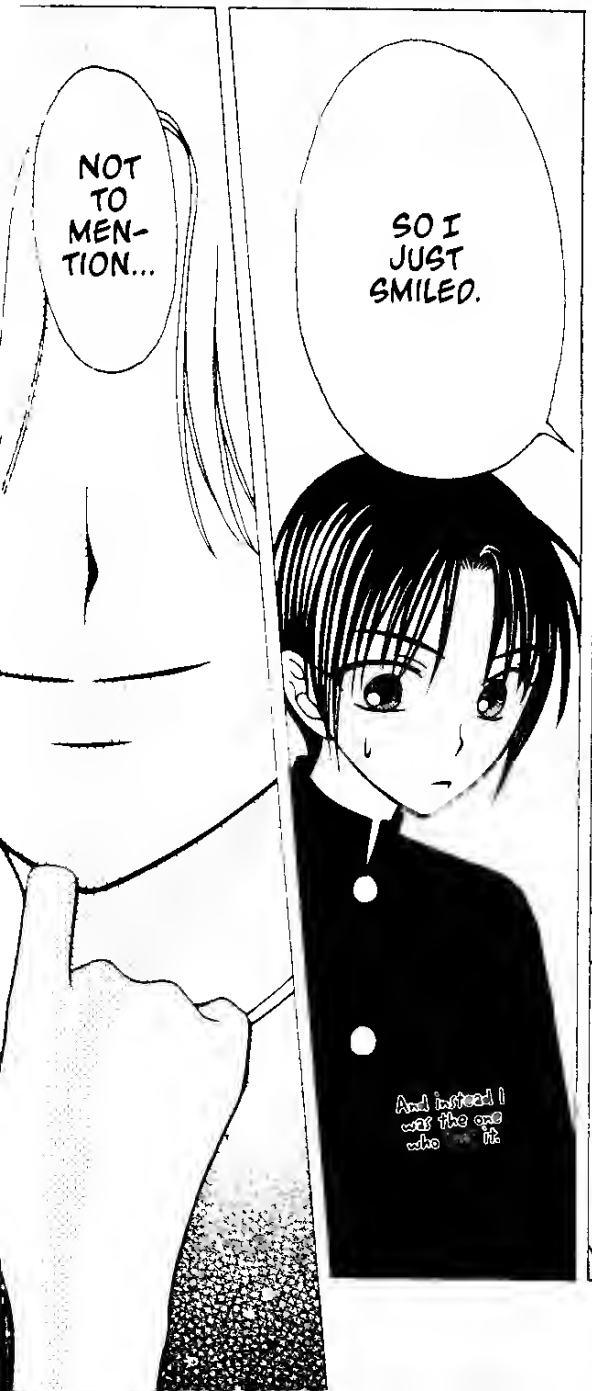
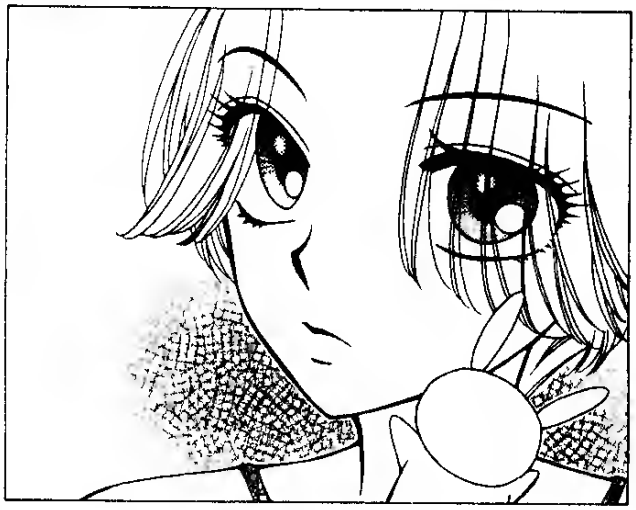
RISE...
Why did I put myself through all that...
Did I say something bad?
I'M SORRY...
...FOR SHOVING YOU AGAINST THE DESK THE OTHER DAY.

WHY DID YOU SMILE AT ME BACK THEN?


HEY... ARISAKA-KUN.
But don't think I'm suddenly going to go easy on you


NOT TO MEN-TION...
SO I JUST SMILED.
And instead I was the one who lit.



I THOUGHT PEOPLE MIGHT TEASE ME...
...IF THEY SAW ME UPSET.

HA
HA
HA
...IF YOU'D GOTTEN MAD...
...AND PUNCHED ME FIRST...
...I WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE.
So I'm glad I didn't!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE AN EXPRESSION LIKE THAT ON HIS FACE.

...YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH I WAS SAVED...

...BY MEETING YOU.

THANK YOU.

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YEAH YOUNG YUKARI AND MITSU ARE SO ADORABLE HEHEHE I'M NOT A CREEPER.

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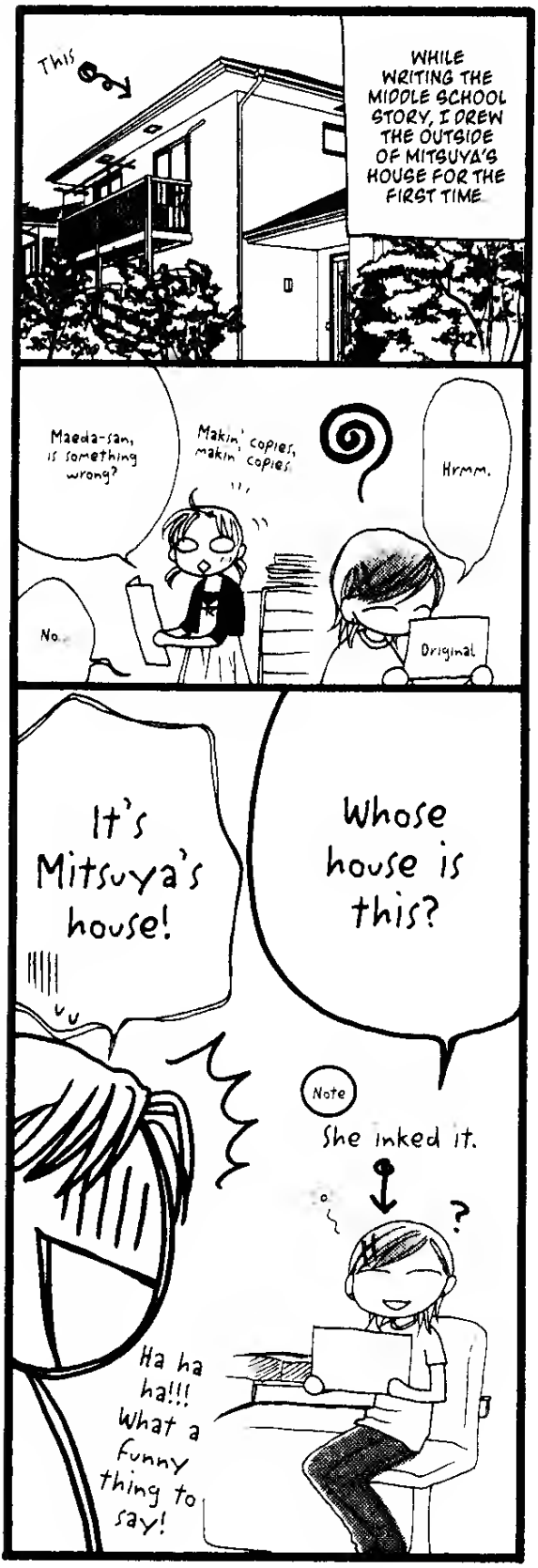
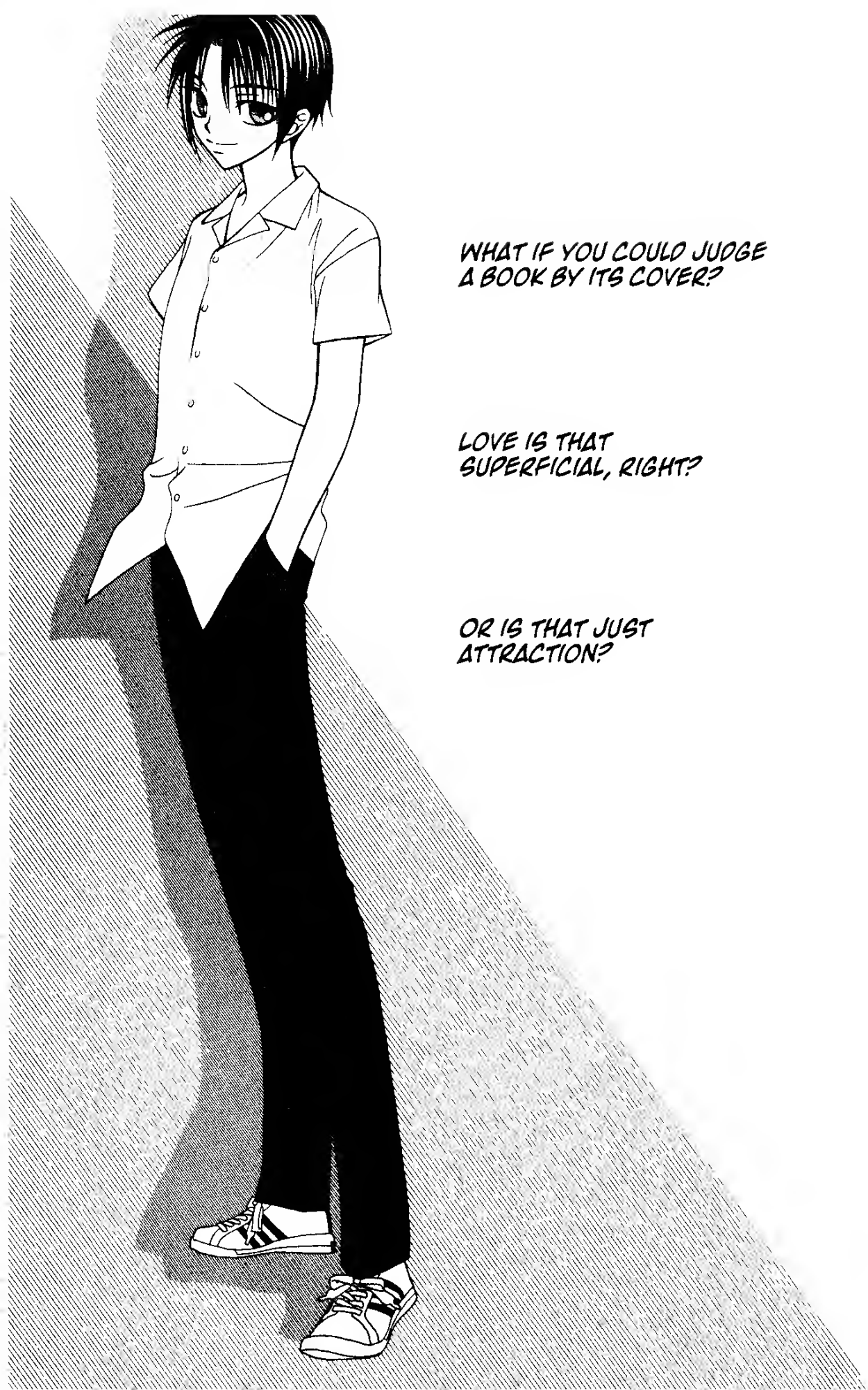

This
WHILE WRITING THE MIDDLE SCHOOL STORY, I DREW THE OUTSIDE OF MITSUYA'S HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME.
Maeda-san, is something wrong?
Makin' copies, makin' copies
Hrmm.
No.
Original
It's Mitsuya's house!
Whose house is this?
Note
She inked it.
Ha ha ha!!! What a funny thing to say!

← She was a little numb because V.B.R. and Ageha's house are both really nice houses.


WHAT IF YOU COULD JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER?
LOVE IS THAT SUPERFICIAL, RIGHT?
OR IS THAT JUST ATTRACTION?

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ARISAKA-KUN!
Arf!
CAN I COME BY LATER TODAY AFTER MY CLUB MEETINGS?
NNNN...
Ergh...
YOUR SKILLS ARE ALREADY WAY BETTER THAN MINE.
I'M GOING TO HAVE YOUR DAD TEACH ME MORE ABOUT MAKING PATTERNS! ♡
Tsk!
Arf! Arf!

ODD COUPLE.
...
WE HAD NO COMMON GROUND WHATSOEVER.
Your dad always gives us hard assignments like they're nothing.
What do you think we'll be making next?
TO OTHER PEOPLE, OUR FRIENDSHIP MUST HAVE LOOKED PRETTY BIZARRE.
THE REACTIONS OTHER PEOPLE HAD...
...WERE REALLY HILARIOUS TO ME.
What's that about?
Hrmm

WHERE IS THAT SIZE SMALL PAIR OF STREAMLINE SHOES WITH PEARLS ON THEM?!
RIRIKO!
AT THE SHOP, ARISAKA-KUN WAS A REALLY HARD WORKER.
Working on his assignment
HE REALLY, UH, PERKS UP OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.
WHICH chair?
SAY WHAT?!
THEY'RE RIGHT BY THE CHAIR IN THE ATELIER!
MOVING, SIR!
YOU'RE IN THE WAY!!!
WHAT'S MORE, HE'S SUPER BOSSY!
TURN

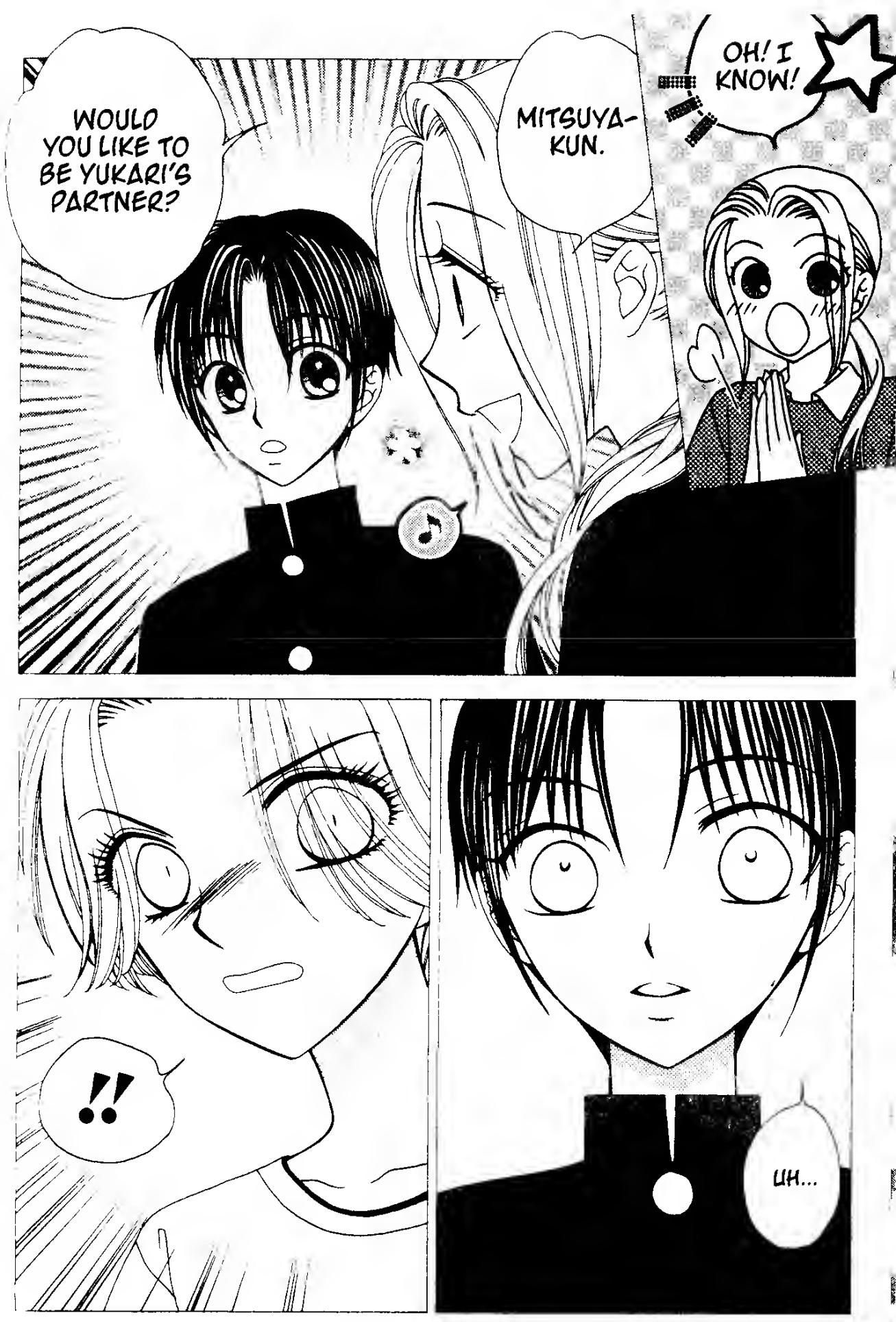
* Ririko stopped growing during her first year of middle school

LAST ONE'S A ROTTEN EGG!
COME BACK HERE!
NYUM NYUM
YOU STINKER!
AND THEN...

SHUT UP...
...IDIOT!
...HE'D HAVE EXPRESSIONS HE NEVER GOT CLOSE TO HAVING AT SCHOOL.

WHENEVER I STOPPED BY THE SHOP, AOI-SAN WOULD TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK...
...TO INSTRUCT ME IN PATTERN-MAKING.
I WAS EN-GROSS-ED...
SERIOUS BUSINESS!
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT...
I finished basting
Oooh
CLAP CLAP
...PATTERN-MAKING WAS THE MOST FUN THING IN THE WORLD TO ME.

MITSUYA-KUN, YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING.
YOU ABSORB EVERYTHING SO QUICKLY! HAVE YOU EVER...
...CONSID-ERED THIS AS A CAREER?
Ha ha ha Don't blush, dork
AND YUKARI, YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH PERFECT WHEN IT COMES TO SEWING.
SHAKE
I'M NOT THAT GOOD AT ALL.
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
DECLARATION
YOU'VE SAVED YOUR DAD'S BUTT A WHOLE LOT OF TIMES!
Yikes!


WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE YUKARI'S PARTNER?
MITSUYA-KUN.
OH! I KNOW!
!!
UH...

JEEN!
WHAT? BUT I THINK IT'S A REALLY GOOD IDEA.
YOU TOTALLY FREAKED HIM OUT!
SHUT UP, DAD!
WHY WOULD YOU ASK HIM SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR NO REASON?!
ARISAKA-KUN WAS WRONG.
I WAS HAPPY...
...TO BE NEEDED LIKE THAT.

EVER SINCE I WAS A KID...
...I'D BEEN WHAT YOU CALL A "JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES AND MASTER OF NONE."

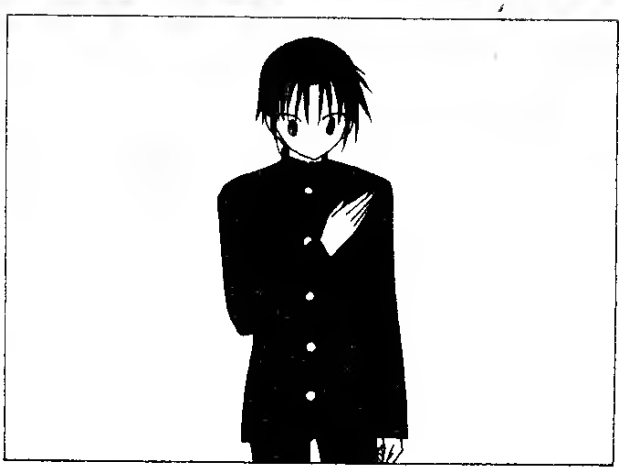
AND BECAUSE OF THAT...
...NOTHING EVER REALLY ENGAGED ME.

BUT COMING TO ARISAKA-KUN'S HOUSE...
I wanna see your design!
Bug off! I'm not going to show you!
...I FELT ALIVE AND PASSIONATE.

NOW THAT I FELT SO ALIVE, I REALIZED MY HEART WAS MISSING SOME PARTS...
WITHOUT THOSE PARTS...
I'VE LIKED YOU...
...FOR A REALLY LONG TIME.

...THE ONLY EXPRESSION I HAD TO OFFER FOR SOME PEOPLE WAS AN ARTIFICIAL SMILE.
I'M SORRY.
I DON'T KNOW YOU AT ALL.

:AME AS
ALWAYS.
Phew.



After the car was hit, the left side bashed into some guard rails. And, by the way, my mom was sitting in the passenger seat. (>_<)!!!

...Ummmm? So fortunately (?), we didn't have any major injuries. I'm so glad that my mom and my right hand survived. However, my mom and I still go to the hospital for whiplash on our necks, waists and chests. (-_-;)

Thanks to the fact that I chose my Volkswagen Beetle based on its safety rating, we survived with minimal damage. It suffered the damages instead of us. Many people agreed with me about this, including our doctor. He says that it would have been even worse if we were in a regular sedan. I'm still in shock that my safe car is now scrapped.

It's also thanks to my safe driving... I think? I was driving extra safely that day. I usually travel at about 42~43km in the car pool lane, where the minimum speed is 40km. Slow, right? (It's a road I drive often, and there's only one lane each. Plus there's a preschool nearby, so I was being careful. Plus there were no cars in front of me or behind me). The police told me it was good I was driving so safely.

What about work? Of course I continued drawing! No rest for the wicked, as they say (The editors won't let me take a break). But the doctor told me that I should "stay at home and rest up."

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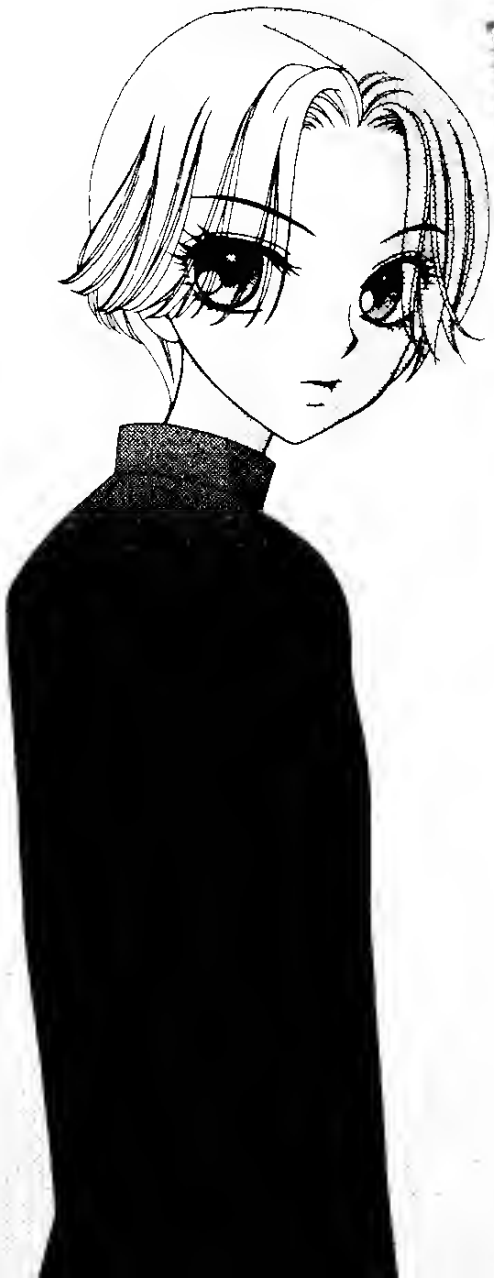

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DUDE, SHE'S TOTALLY WASTED ON HIM!
カラ…
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KINOSHITA FROM CLASS 1, RIGHT?
SHE'S SO CUTE, MAN!
SHE SEEMS PRETTY AVERAGE TO ME.
KUROMINE DEFINITELY WON'T DATE HER.
HE CAN'T HELP IT.
But he has lots of admirers, since he has lots of girl friends.
KUROMINE-KUN ISN'T INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE GIRLS WHO CHASE AFTER HIM.
AND GET THIS. WHEN HE TURNS A GIRL DOWN...
...HE SAYS, "I DON'T KNOW YOU AT ALL" WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE!
I've seen him do it before.
Oh my gosh!
I WOULD BE SO SHOCKED IF SOMEONE SAID THAT TO ME!
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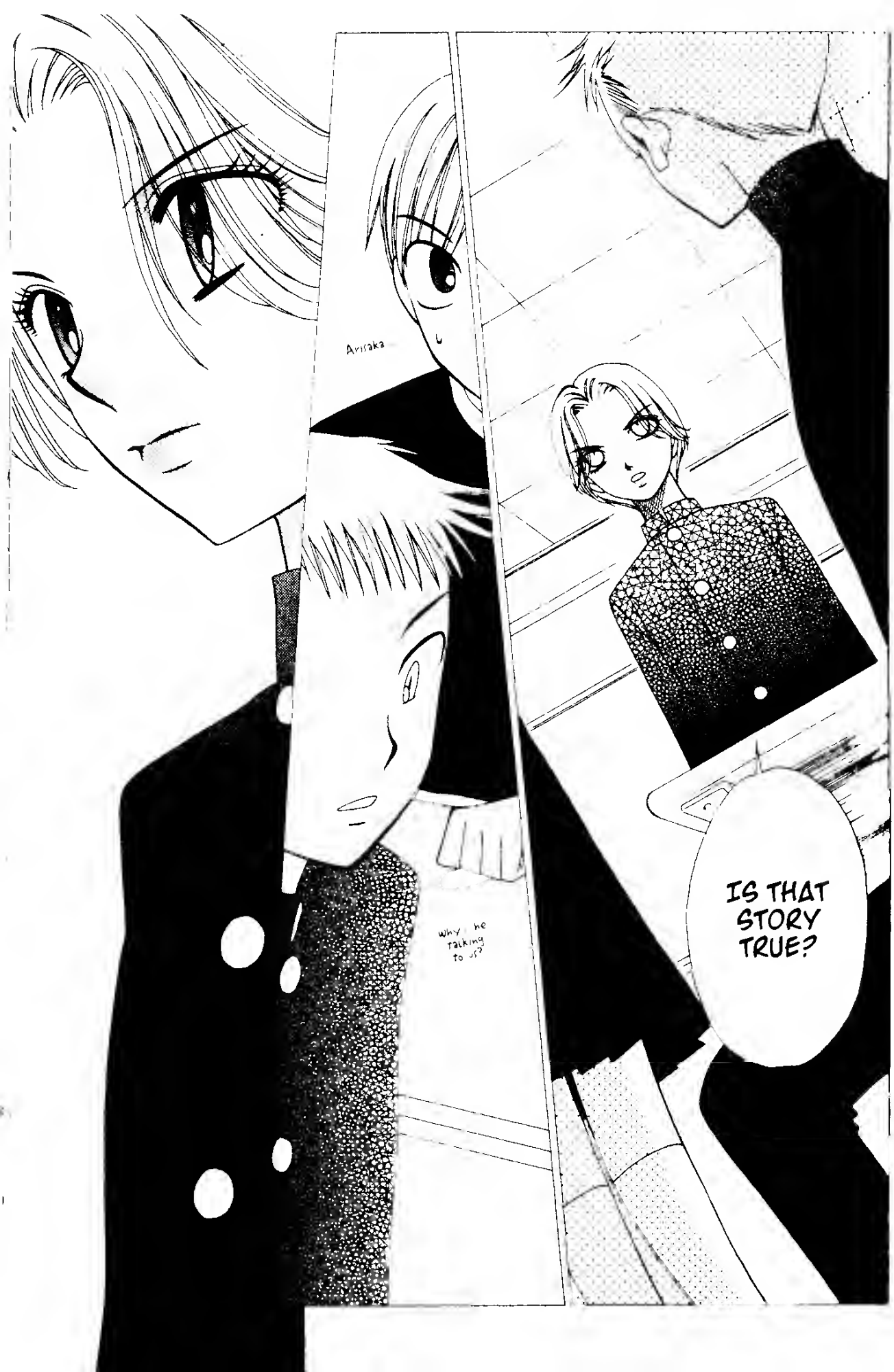
Arisaka
why he talking to us?
IS THAT STORY TRUE?

HE DOES IT ALL THE TIME.
WELL, I MEAN ...
YEAH.
I SAW A GIRL CRYING JUST NOW.
OOOH! SO YOU SAW THE REJEC-TION IN PERSON!
HA HA HA
KUROMINE-KUN'S INCREDIBLE!
OH MY GOSH, HOW SCARY!

HE CAN BE PRETTY MEAN SOME DAYS.
NOT THAT LONG AGO, A GIRL SAID SHE'D WAIT AFTER SCHOOL FOR HIM...
...AND HE JUST WENT STRAIGHT HOME WHILE SHE WAITED!
NO WAY! HE'S SUCH A MON-STER!
Ha ha ha!
STOP GETTING A KICK...
...OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S MISERY.
HUH?

YOU'RE ALL MONSTERS, TOO!!
SLIDE
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WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
HE'S A REAL JERK!
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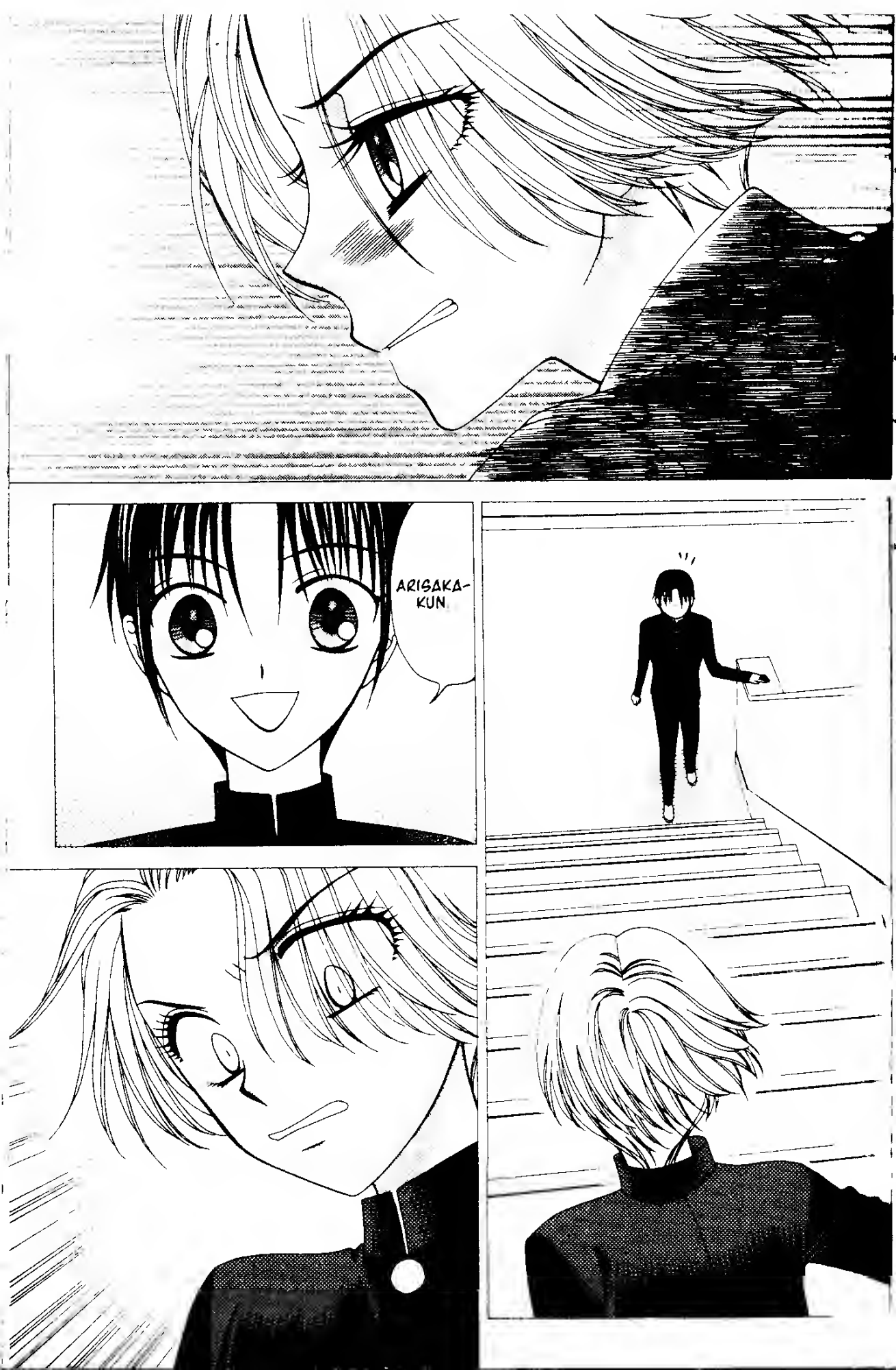
ARISAKA-
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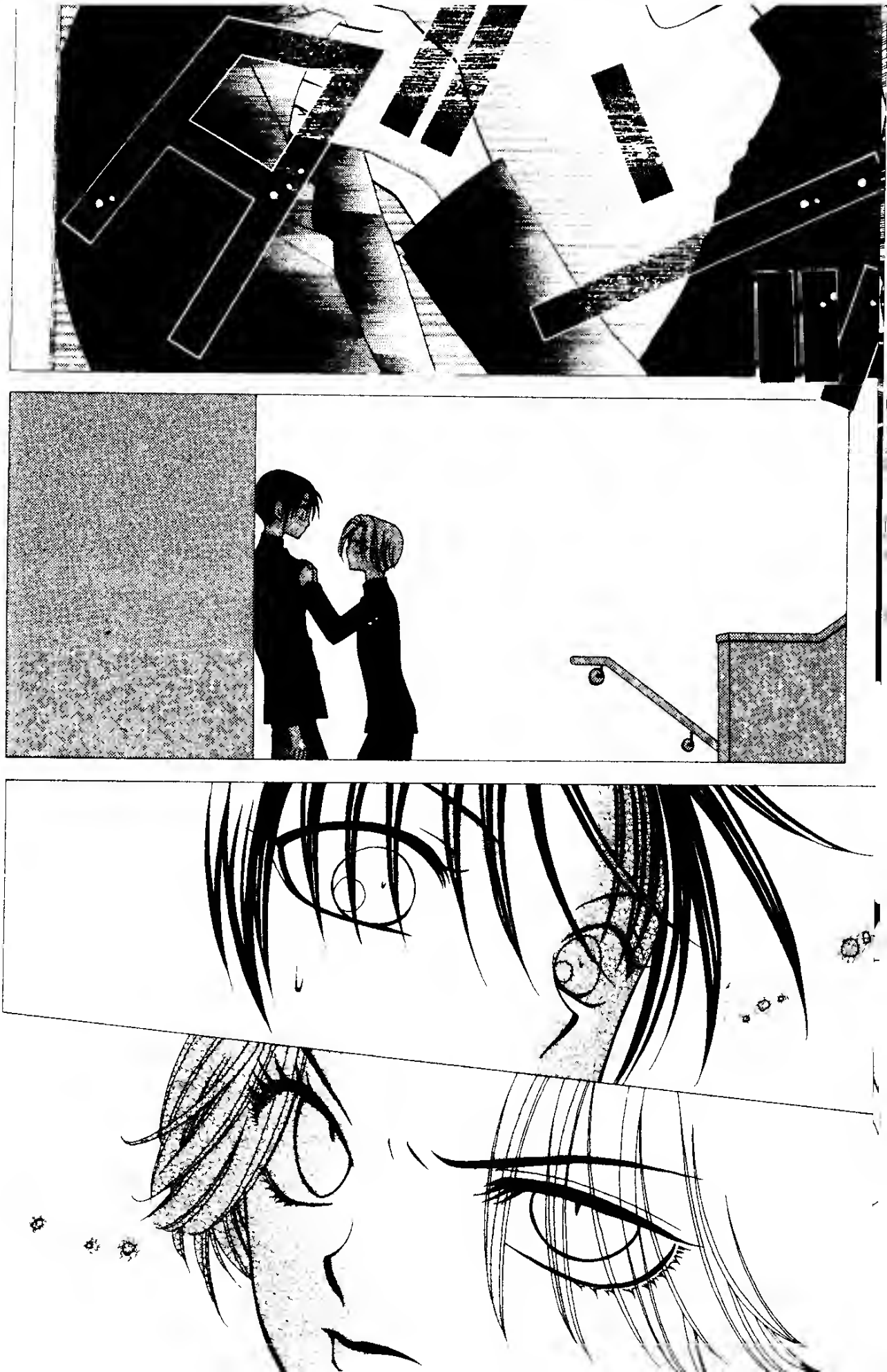
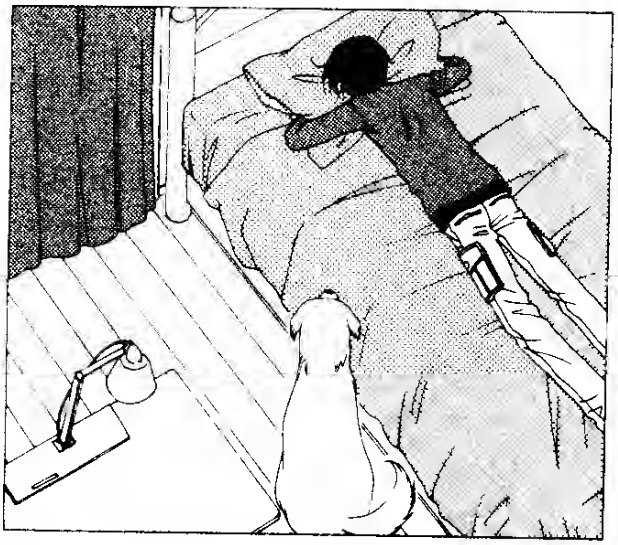


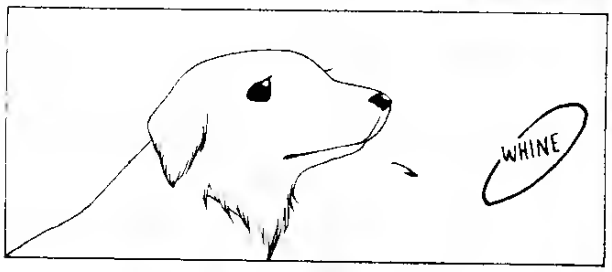
ARI--
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING HURTS PEOPLE?!
OH ...
I GUESS YOU SAW IT.
STOP TRAMPLING OVER THE FEELINGS OF THOSE GIRLS!
WHA --
THAT GIRL WAS CRYING!
SO WHAT IF IT DOESN'T?!
IT STILL BOTHERS THE CRAP OUT OF ME!
...IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
BUT ...

HAVE YOU EVER CONSID-ERED ...
...JUST ONCE...
...HOW IT MUST FEEL TO HAVE THEIR HOPES CRUSHED ...
...WHEN THEY WAIT FOR YOU BUT YOU NEVER COME?!
WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS UNFOR--
YOU DON'T GET IT.

YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND I DON'T WANT TO EITHER!
THE WAY YOU'RE DOING THINGS IS JUST WRONG!
HEY! YOU BOYS THERE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
HOW IT FEELS TO GET YOUR HOPES UP...

Kuromine





...AND KEEP WAITING...

COOL.
...WHEN ARISAKA-KUN GETS INVOLVED...
...I CAN FEEL MY HEART OPENING UP...
...AND I START TO FEEL AGAIN.
...I WOULDN'T HAVE STOOD A CHANCE.
So I'm glad I didn't!
CLENCH
AND...
...I'VE HAVEN'T FELT ANY PAIN.
ALL THOSE FEELINGS I CAN'T HAVE ANYMORE...
...THAT I LOCKED AWAY...
I CAN STILL FEEL THEM BURNING DEEP WITHIN ME.

THESE FEELINGS AREN'T ROMANTIC, BUT...
I can really use this?
It's got some scratches on it so we can use it for practice
PLOP
MY PHOTO ALBUM...
Arf
TSUYAKO...?
You startled me

Arrrf!
...I WONDER, WILL ARISAKA-KUN STILL TALK TO ME LIKE HIS FRIEND?
I'LL BE FINE WITHOUT THE PICTURES TODAY.
ぎゅっ
THANK YOU, TSUYAKO.
ARDO

TSUYAKO, I'M GOING TO GO TO ARISAKA-KUN'S PLACE.
RUFF!
NOK
NOK
HEY ...
TSUYAKO
...YOU GOT A CALL FROM SOMEBODY NAMED "ARISAKA."
WHAT?!
Here
This can't be a coincidence!
BADUM
BADUM
Down, girl Down
You gonna answer?
H...
HELLO --
KUROMINE?!
PLEASE, MY DAD'S IN TROUBLE!
What happened to Arisaka-kun's dad?!
CAN YOU COME OVER RIGHT NOW?!
WHAT?!

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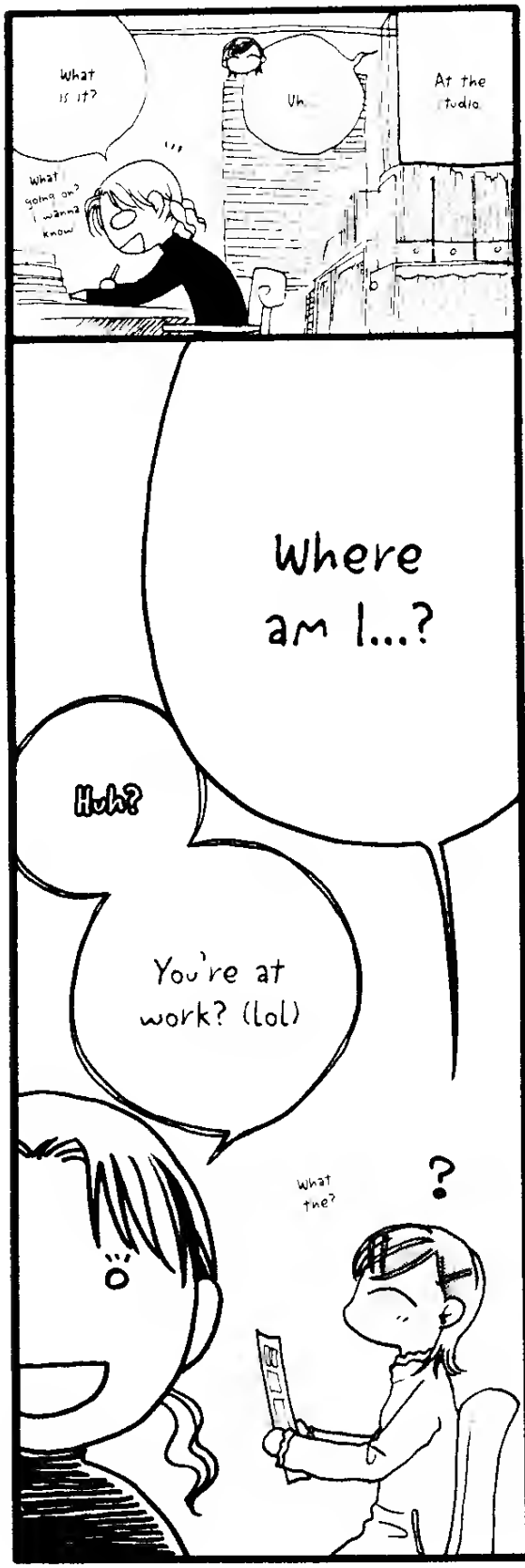
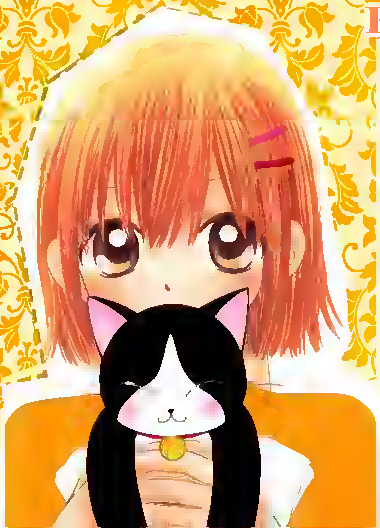


I laughed so hard (hysterically)

Apparently her mind went completely blank



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WHEEEE FOR NEW CHAPTERS :D THEY'RE SO ADORABLE :)

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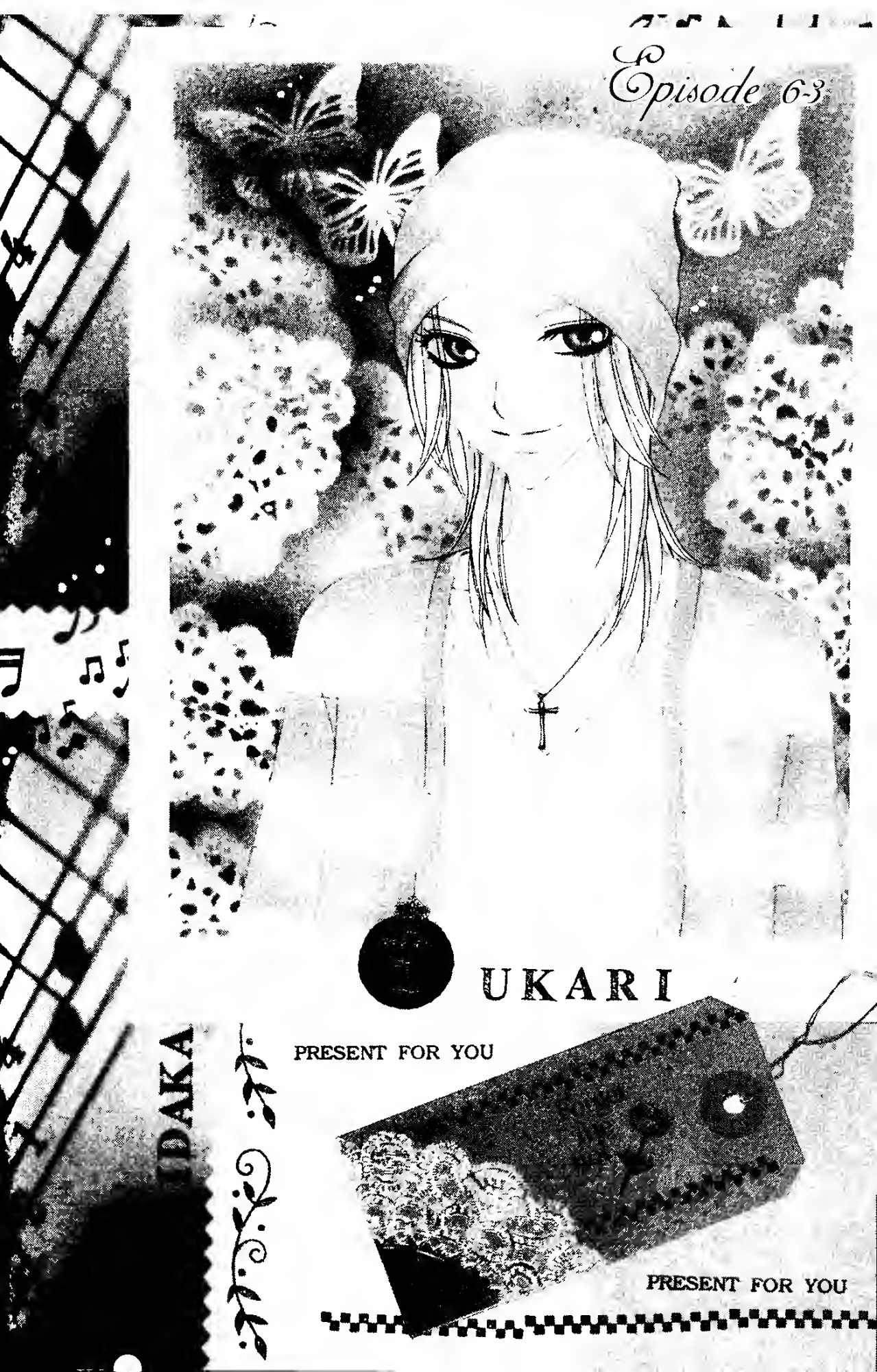
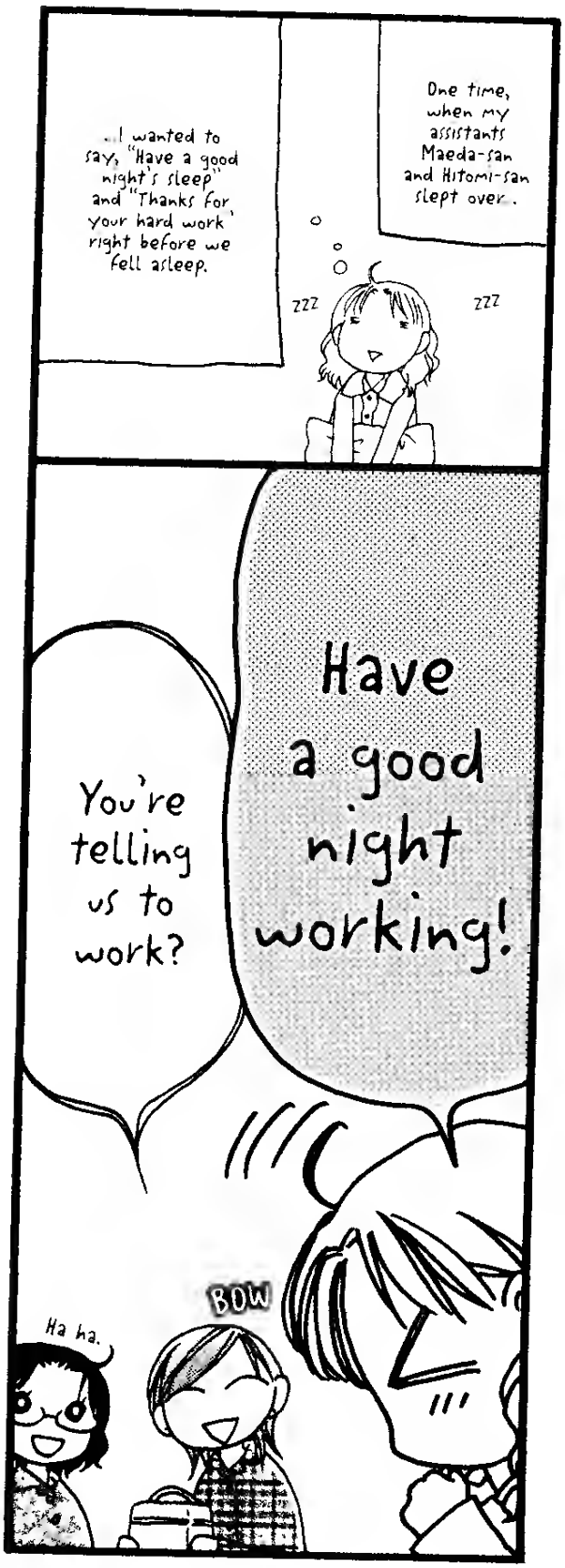


Velvet Blue Rose

OPEN YOUR HEART OPEN YOUR HEART OPEN YOUR HEART OPEN YOUR HEART

GEHA

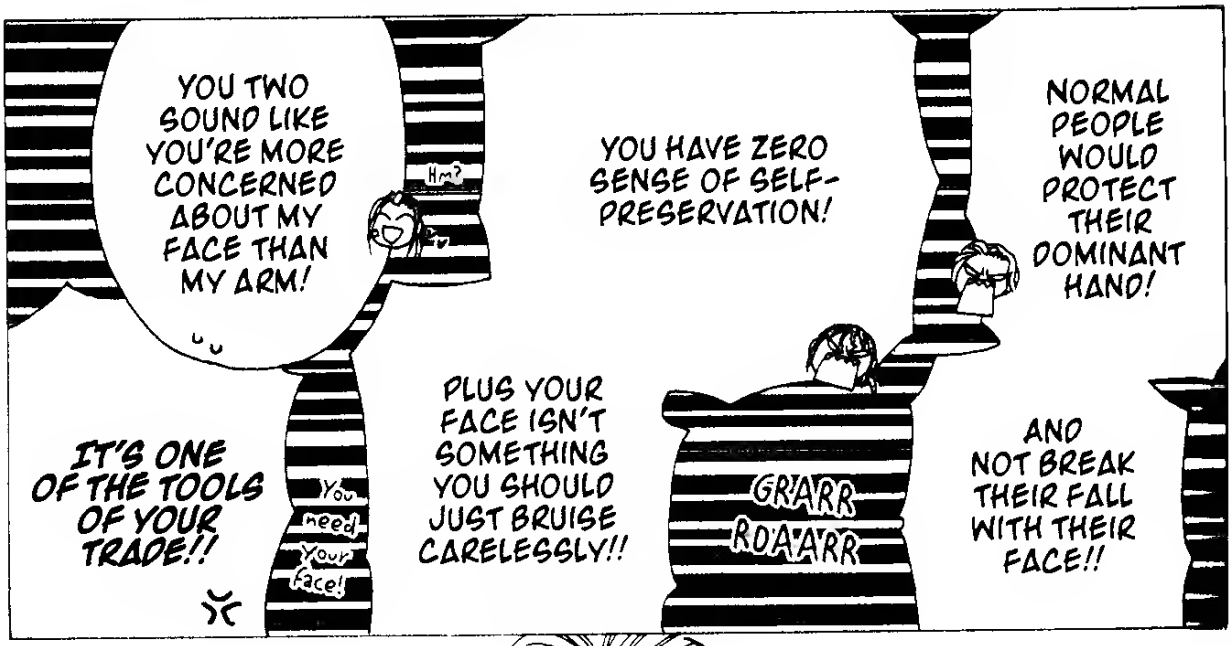

...I wanted to say, "Have a good night's sleep" and "Thanks for your hard work" right before we fell asleep.
One time, when my assistants Maeda-san and Hitomi-san slept over.
ZZZ
ZZZ
You're telling us to work?
Have a good night working!
Ha ha.
BOW

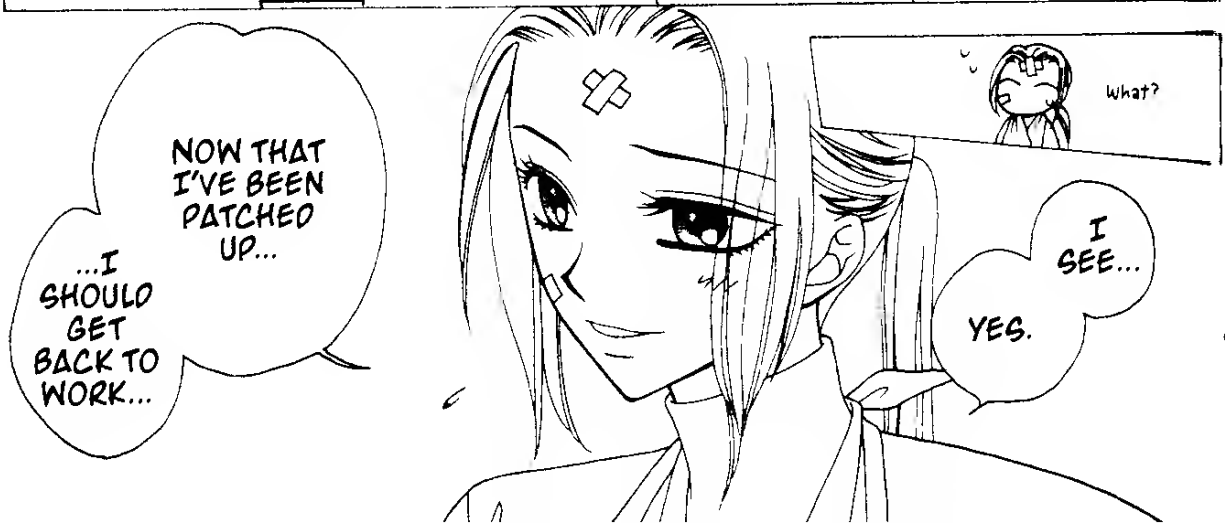
I mixed the two together.
^_^

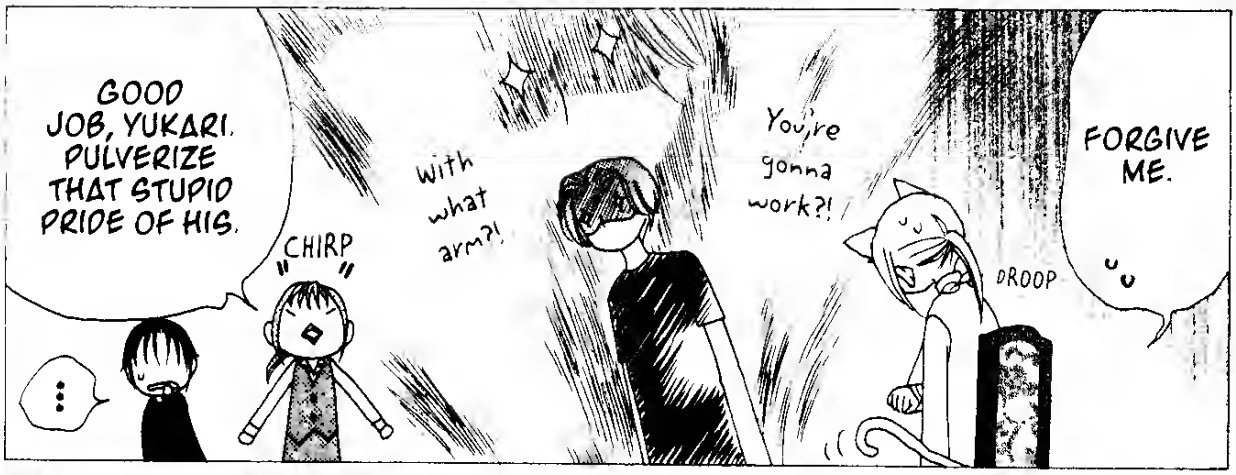
ARISAKA-KUN...
"CAN YOU COME OVER RIGHT NOW?"
"PLEASE, MY DAD IS IN TROUBLE!"
...WHAT HAPPENED?!

YOU FELL DOWN THE STAIRS AND BROKE YOUR RIGHT ARM?!
I DID, CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
I COULDN'T SEE IN FRONT OF ME...
Dad, watch your step.
Mhmm
...AND I TRIPPED ON A STEP.
Gah!
Dad?!
ずだーあっ
ゴロ

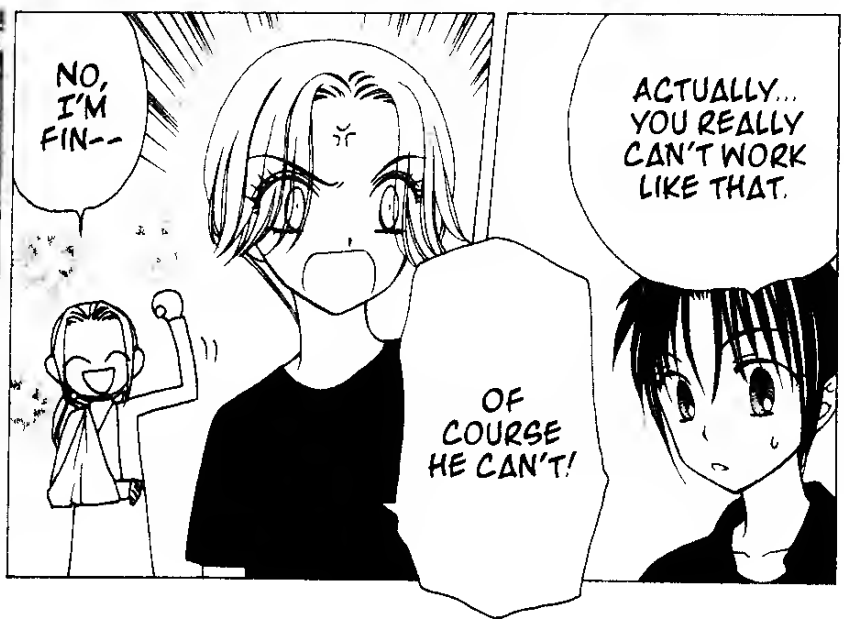
PROTECT YOURSELF FIRST!!!
RAWRR
NO BOXES WERE HARMED IN THE INCIDENT.
Hee hee.
Aren't I amazing?
You're "amazing," all right!! Amazingly oblivious!
BEAT UP


YOU TWO SOUND LIKE YOU'RE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT MY FACE THAN MY ARM!
Hm?
YOU HAVE ZERO SENSE OF SELF-PRESERVATION!
NORMAL PEOPLE WOULD PROTECT THEIR DOMINANT HAND!
IT'S ONE OF THE TOOLS OF YOUR TRADE!!
You need your face!
PLUS YOUR FACE ISN'T SOMETHING YOU SHOULD JUST BRUISE CARELESSLY!!
GR'ARR
RO'A'RR
AND NOT BREAK THEIR FALL WITH THEIR FACE!!


NOW THAT I'VE BEEN PATCHED UP...
...I SHOULD GET BACK TO WORK...
What?
I SEE...
YES.

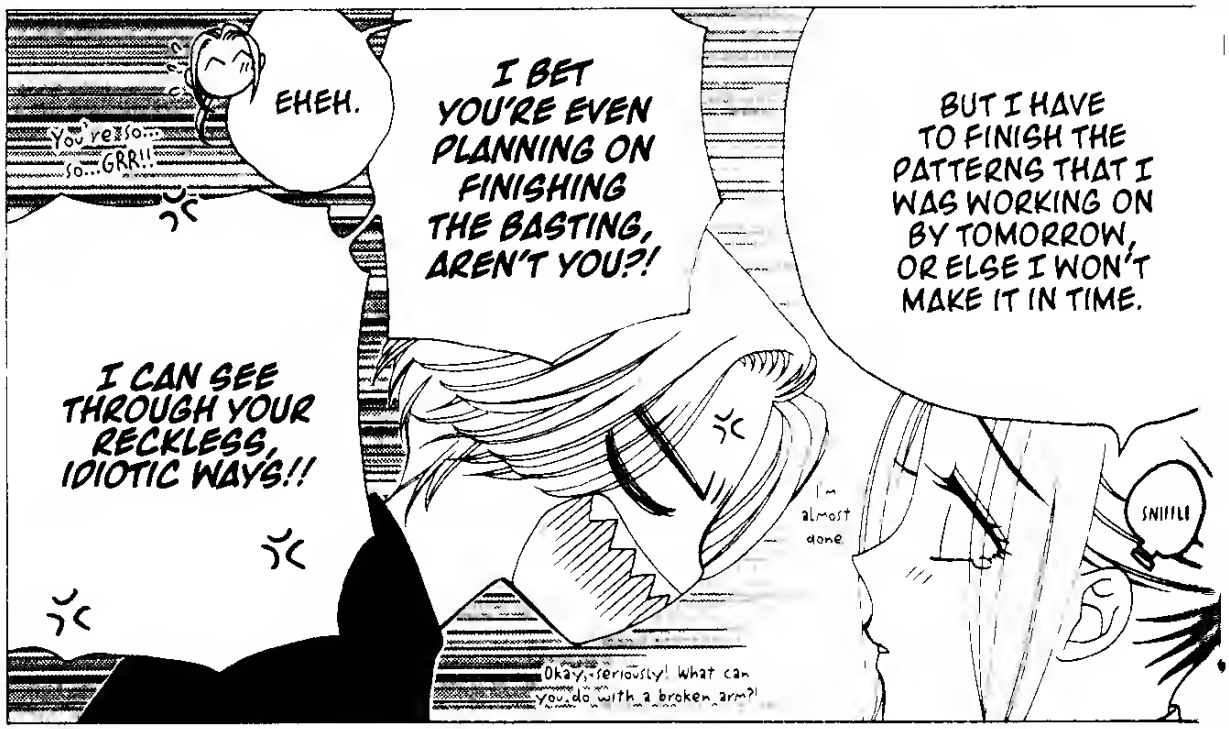

GOOD JOB, YUKARI. PULVERIZE THAT STUPID PRIDE OF HIS.
CHIRP
...
With what arm?!
You're gonna work?!
DROOP
FORGIVE ME.

JAB
どすっ


NO, I'M FIN--
OF COURSE HE CAN'T!
ACTUALLY... YOU REALLY CAN'T WORK LIKE THAT.

UM, ARISAKA-KUN, ARISAKA-KUN? HIS STOMACH...
...THAT'S THE SITUATION.
GLINT
SO, KUROMINE...
Yukari's dad?!
Umm
Umm
Glargh!

AND IF NO ONE DOES ANYTHING, HE'LL TRY TO WORK THE WHOLE TIME.
HE NEEDS THREE WEEKS FOR A FULL RECOVERY!


EHEH.
You're so... so... GRR!!
I BET YOU'RE EVEN PLANNING ON FINISHING THE BASTING, AREN'T YOU?!
BUT I HAVE TO FINISH THE PATTERNS THAT I WAS WORKING ON BY TOMORROW, OR ELSE I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME.
I CAN SEE THROUGH YOUR RECKLESS, IDIOTIC WAYS!!
I'm almost done
SNIFFLE
Okay, seriously! What can you do with a broken arm?!

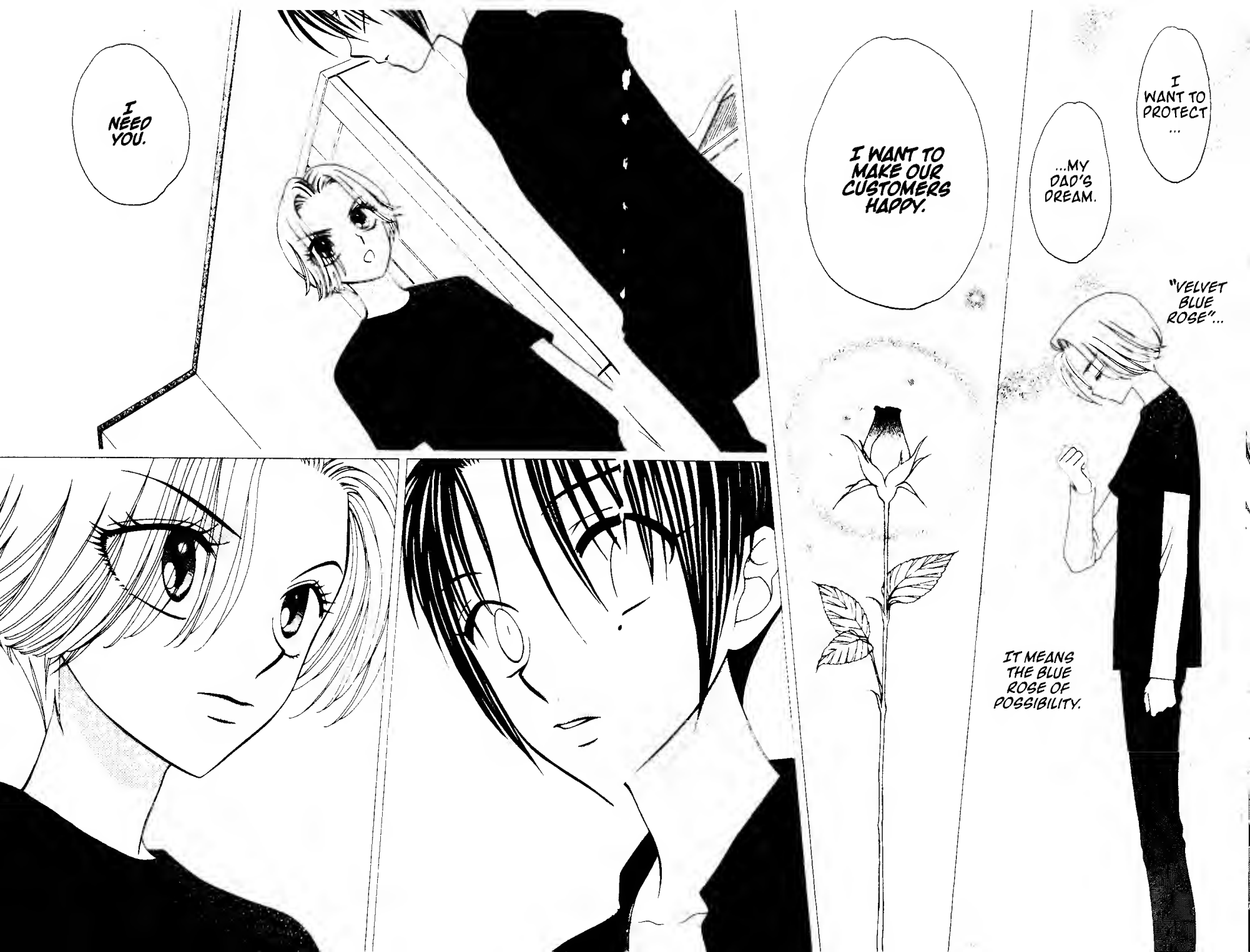
Ahhhh
YUKARIII!!
Grab
Dictator
RIRIKO, GO TAKE HIM BACK TO YOUR PLACE!!
ROGER.
HE'S NO LONGER WELCOME HERE.
Aoin 172cm, 57kg (very light)
C'mere.
COME TO THE ATELIER.
KURO-MINE ...
Baun
N-ooooo
SLAM

...IS THE PATTERN THAT MY DAD WAS WORKING ON. HERE'S THE DESIGN.
THIS...

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER THE JOB.

WHAAAAT?!!

I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH AT THIS POINT.
ARI --
I KNOW.
A'h ha...
WORDS.
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING, ARE YOU?!
NO! NO WAY! NUH-UH!! DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!
SCUTTLE
WAVE
WAVE
BUT YOU CAN DO IT.
...YOUR GIFT AT PATTERNING TO FINISH THIS.
I REALLY NEED...


I NEED YOU.
I WANT TO MAKE OUR CUSTOMERS HAPPY.
I WANT TO PROTECT ...
...MY DAD'S DREAM.
"VELVET BLUE ROSE"...
IT MEANS THE BLUE ROSE OF POSSIBILITY.

LET'S DO IT...
...TOGE-THER.
I'M IN.
OKAY.

V·B·R

CLAP
Yipee!!
WE DID IT!!
Viva completion!!
NO WAY! KUROMINE, YOU'RE THE AMAZING ONE!!
I'D HAVE BEEN SCREWED WITHOUT YOU!
You did fantastic!
ARISAKA-KUN, YOU'RE AWESOME!
Every stitch in its place!
THANK --
WHOOO

ARE YOU OK--
MY BAD.
huff
I'M JUST FEELING WEAK CAUSE I NEED TO SLEEP.
WHAT?!
WILT
ARI-SAKA-KUN?!
ヘロヘロ
LEMME GET YOU SOME WATER.
YUKARI'S DAD, WHAT A DRIVEN SON YOU HAVE!
CATCHING UP ON SLEEP IS THE REAL REASON I SKIP SCHOOL A LOT...
Mom, Ririka is going to yell at me
WOBBLE

I'M SORRY ...
...ABOUT YESTER-DAY.
LIKE YOU SAID, I BUTTED IN EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE FULL SITUATION.
AND I... LOSE MY TEMPER REALLY EASILY.
I COULDN'T HELP GETTING INVOLVED.
THAT'S RIGHT! AND I DON'T WANT TO EITHER!
THE WAY YOU'RE DOING THINGS IS JUST WRONG!
I JUST...
HEY! YOU BOYS OVER THERE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

"DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WHAT YOU'RE DOING HURTS PEOPLE?!"
I...
...LIKED THIS GIRL ONCE.
I STILL THINK ABOUT HER ALL THE TIME.

I'VE LEARNED TO IGNORE MY PAIN...
...AND SO I END UP IGNORING OTHER PEOPLE'S PAIN.
I USED UP ALL MY GOOD FEELINGS ON HER.
IT MEANS THAT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO BE NICE TO PEOPLE.
BUT...

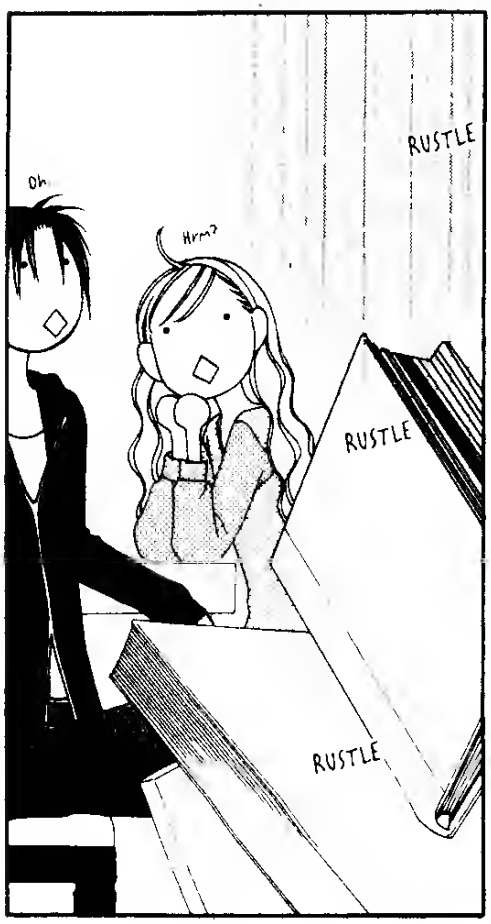
...I START TO REMEMBER THEM WHEN I'M WITH YOU.
HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS...?
CLENCH
FOR BETTER OR WORSE ...
...YOU WAKE UP MY HEART.

PAT-
TERNS
GET ME
EXCITED...
...BUT
YOU MAKE
MY HEART
POUND.
DID THAT
NOT COME
OUT RIGHT?
UM...

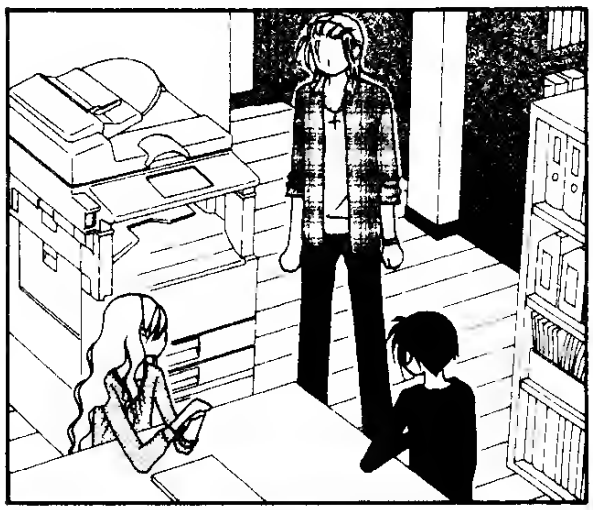
MITSUYA.
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE STUFF WITH ME?

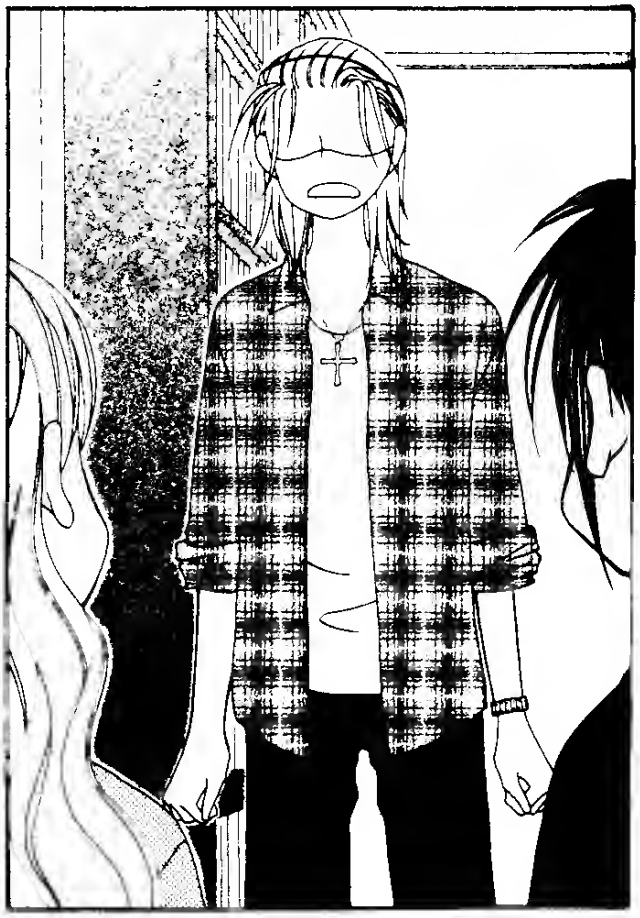
SIGH ...
OH, THE GOOD OLD DAYS
We were both so young LOL
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
TWINKLE
...
YEAH...
...YUKARI-KUN!

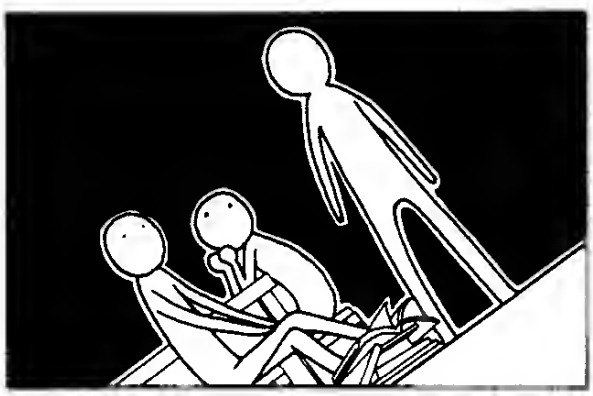
~QUEEL~
AGEHA-CHAN?
TREMBLE TREMBLE
Note Main character (MIA for several chapters).
TO
I KNEW YOU'D SAY THAT.
HE WAS YOUR REBOUND RELATIONSHIP.


Oh
Hrm?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DENY IT.
PEACE!
AWWW!!





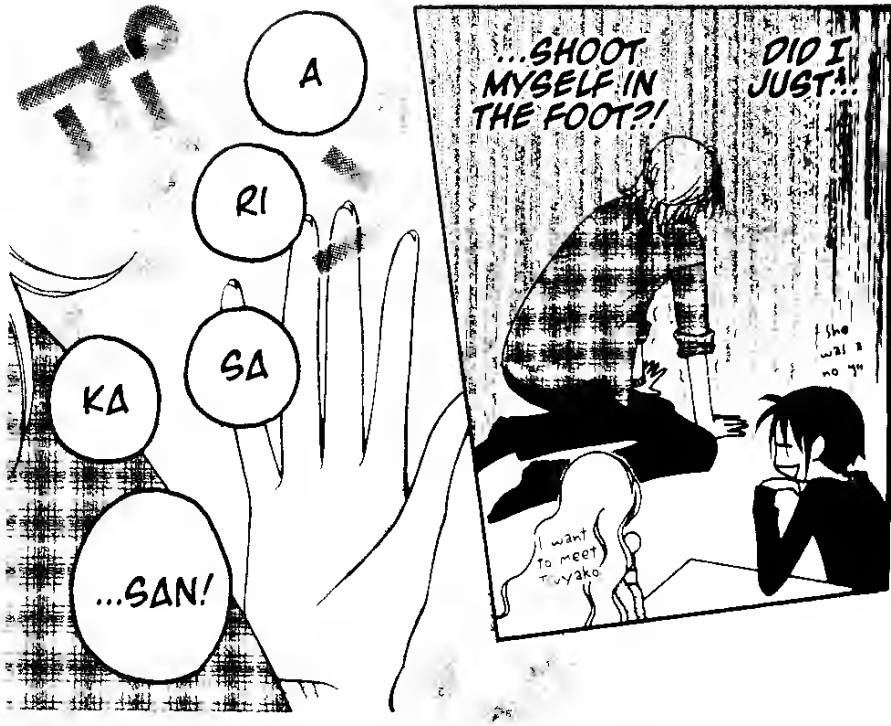


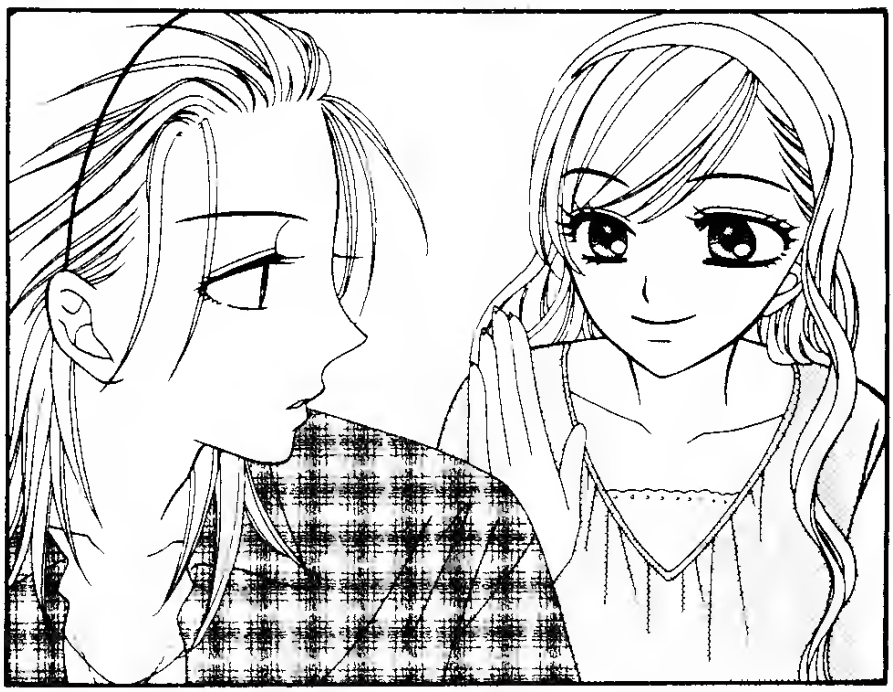
...AND HOW I'M DEATHLY AFRAID OF DOGS!
YOU TOLD HER ABOUT THINGS LIKE HOW I WAS REALLY BAD WITH MY STUDIES...
NOPE.
I DIDN'T TELL HER THOSE THINGS.
I didn't have enough pages to talk about those!
What, he doesn't like dogs?
That's right! She's a big dog
Not even Tsuyako?
SORRY, YUKARI-KUN! ☆
I KNOW YOU BLAB-BED!!
YOU BLABBED UNNE-CESSARY STUFF, DIDN'T YOU?!
Tee hee! ♡
Awww ♡

fortunately, I'd been planning to take a mini vacation, so I already had a buffer from deadlines. All I did in November was sleep... because it hurt too much to look down and stuff. (T_T)

After that was really crazy!!! I had to finish 90 pages for the first, second, and third issues of Hana to Yume magazine! Not to mention that the first issue was for the new year, so the deadline was way earlier than usual!!! Plus I'd been assigned the color cover of the magazine for the third issue, so 4 days were eaten up with that! Oh my gosh!! I had barely any time to finish the second and third issues! I only had 13 days to finish 30 pages. It was miserable. I usually take 4 days for the rough pencils and then the assistants take 5 days to ink, meaning the manuscript takes 9 days. But the storyboards take forever! This time, a miracle happened--it took me less than three days to finish! (Sometimes that happens.)

So, I was able to maintain the quality of my work even with the pain in my neck and back. I worked really hard, even though I had to visit the hospital every day. None of this would have been possible without my assistants, Maeda-san and Hitomi-san, as well as my mom and my brother. I'm weeping tears of gratitude! Thank you so much!!!! And of course, I'm so thankful to all of you readers as well!

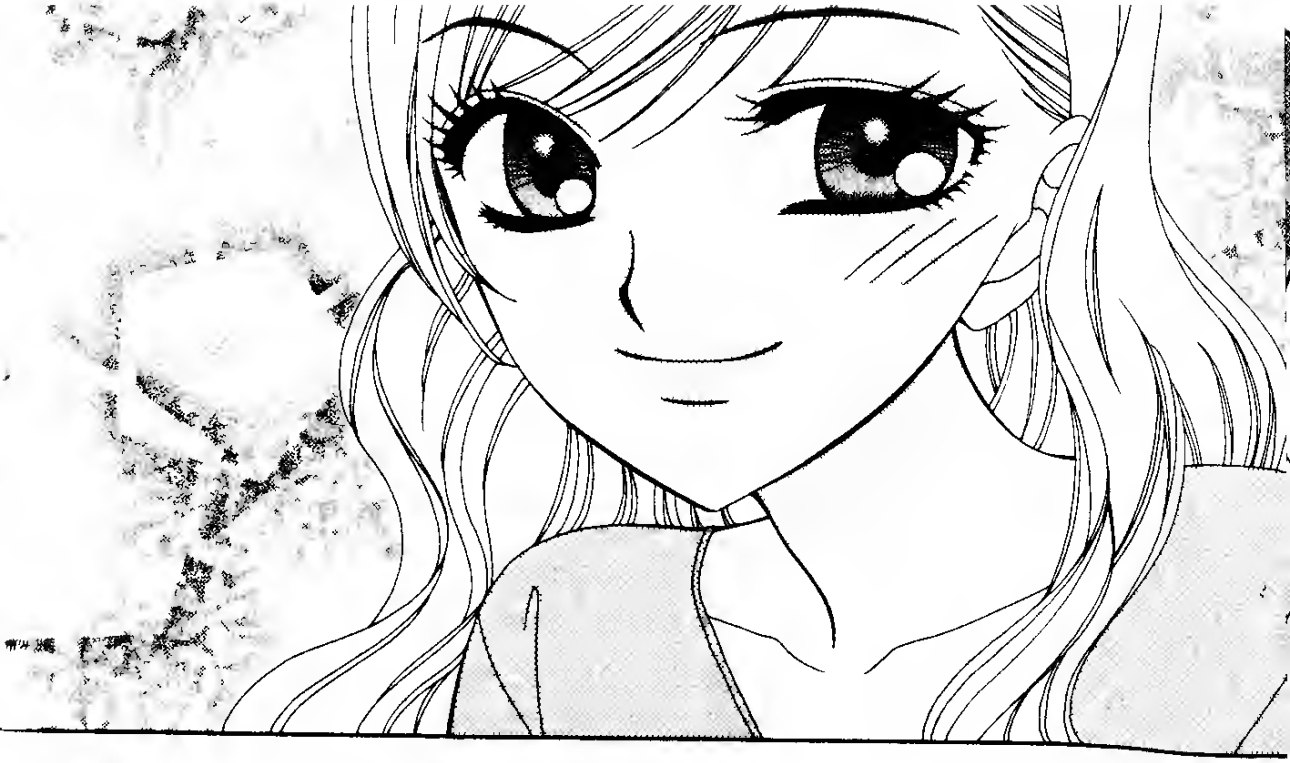


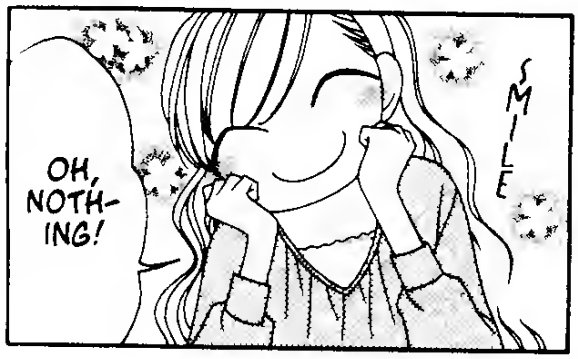


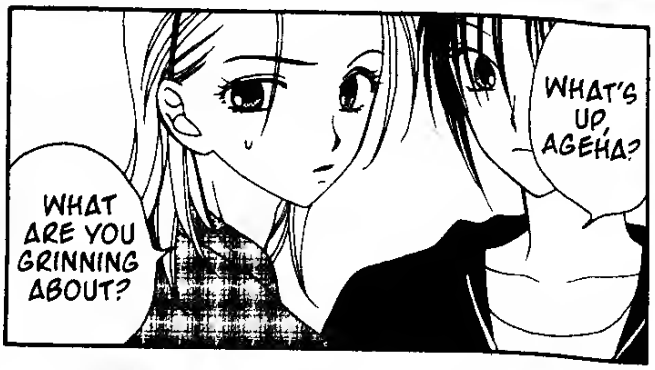
SO WHEN YOU FELL IN LOVE--
HACHAAAH!
AGHHHH!!
JUST GO PLAY WITH YOUR LACE AND FRILLY STUFF.
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
uu
Nyargh!
Such a touching romance
Seriously, man!
ぷいすか
It was all in fun ♡

This is a really strong design
You think so? Then let's give it a shot
Sure!

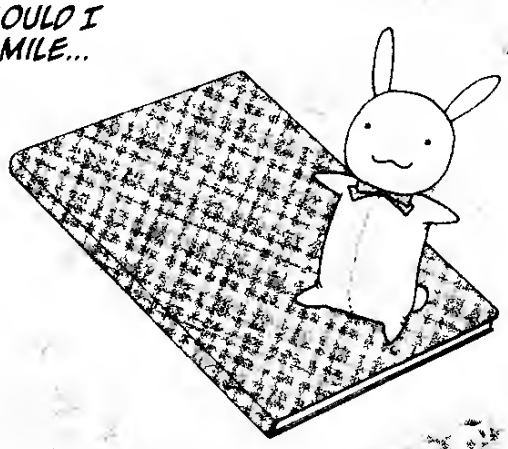
Here are the estimates
Oh, thanks







HOW COULD I NOT SMILE...



...AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE PRECIOUS MEMORIES...

...THAT BIND THE TWO OF THEM?

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CHIHASHI

FATHER...
NOK
NOK
TSUYU.
TSUYU ...
...IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND.
I WON'T.
I OWE AUNTIE A LOT...
...AND PLUS...

IT'S SPRING.
APRIL, TO BE EXACT.
...ALL THINGS ...
...COME TO AN END.
THAT MEANS I'M STARTING MY SENIOR YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL! ☆
"WHAT I WANT TO DO WHEN I GROW UP" HUH...?
ALL THIS TIME I'VE BEEN AVOIDING THINKING ABOUT IT, SO NOW I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK!
Mrrrgh!
AGHH! WHY HAVEN'T I BEEN THINKING MORE ABOUT THIS?!

MY SISTER AND I HAVE DIFFERENT STRENGTHS.
Chose her high school because of her sister.
MAYBE I SHOULD TALK TO MY HOMEROOM TEACHER ABOUT THIS.
THUD
THUD
ダダダダ
THUD
THUD
HM?
KURO--
だきっ
GUESS WHAT, AGEHA-CHAN?!
AGHHH! SEXUAL HARASS-MENT!

Hai-
Yahhhh!
Yank
YOU'RE GETTING BETTER AND BETTER, AGEHA-CHAN...
COUGH
THROB
THROB
SO?
WHAT'S THE BIG NEWS?
Hmm?
YUKARI-KUN GOT DUMPED!!
WHAT?! DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO HIM?!
IT'S YUKARI-KUN... YUKARI-KUN...
SOB SOB

HUH?!
ARISAKA-SAN?!

AGEHA.
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU GOT DUMPED?!
You must have been since you chopped off your hair!
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IF YOU'D DUMPED ME?
Idiot.

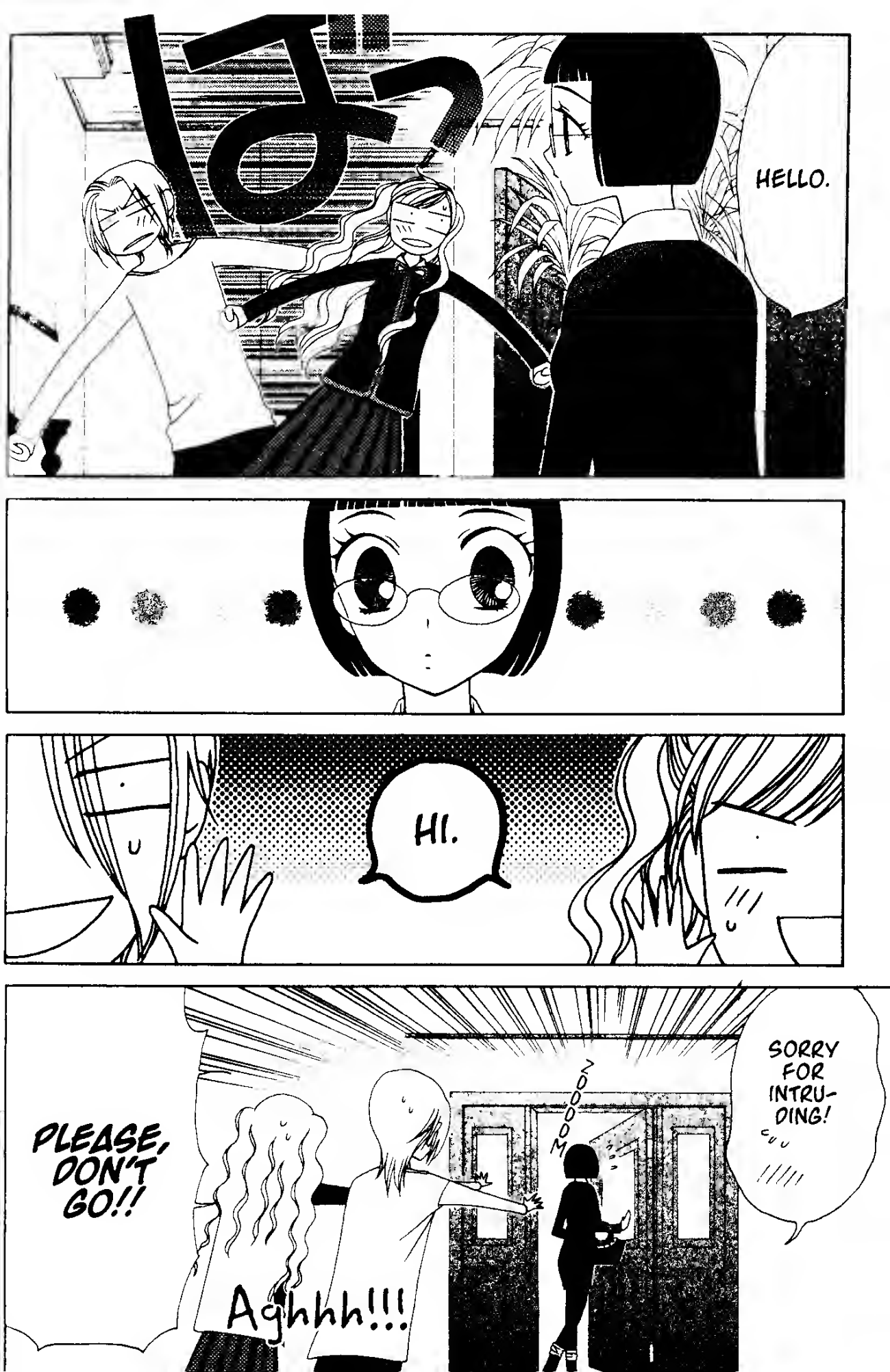
YOU CUT HIS HAIR, MAKI-SAN!
Oh.
DOESN'T HE LOOK CLEANED UP?
You fluffhead
STOP TAKING MITSU'S JOKES SERIOUSLY.
Awwie!
I'M GOING TO HEAD BACK TO MY SALON.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAKI-SAN.
ARISAKA-SAN WITH SHORTER HAIR...
NOTHING CHANGED.
WHAT CHANGED TO MAKE YOU WANT TO CUT YOUR HAIR?
IT'S JUST THAT THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF DAD'S DEATH HAS PASSED...
...AND MY HAIR HAD GOTTEN ANNOYINGLY LONG.
I HAD TO GO SEE SEKIGUCHI-KUN FOR BUSINESS.
OHHH.
So I stopped by
...IS KIND OF NEW AND EXCITING.

I'll be in Rosa.
I want to go see Kazuha and Hina-chan now!
Let's leave those two lovebirds alone.
Ouch.
SLAM
Arisaka, you're heavy.

BY THE WAY, AGEHA...
...I'VE GOT SOME WORK FOR YOU.
JEEZ, THOSE TWO.
RIGHT, LEFT.
RIGHT, LEFT
Oh, my bad.
PULL
AGEH--

WHAT?
I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW GOOD YOUR HAIRCUT LOOKS ON YOU.
Heh heh heh.

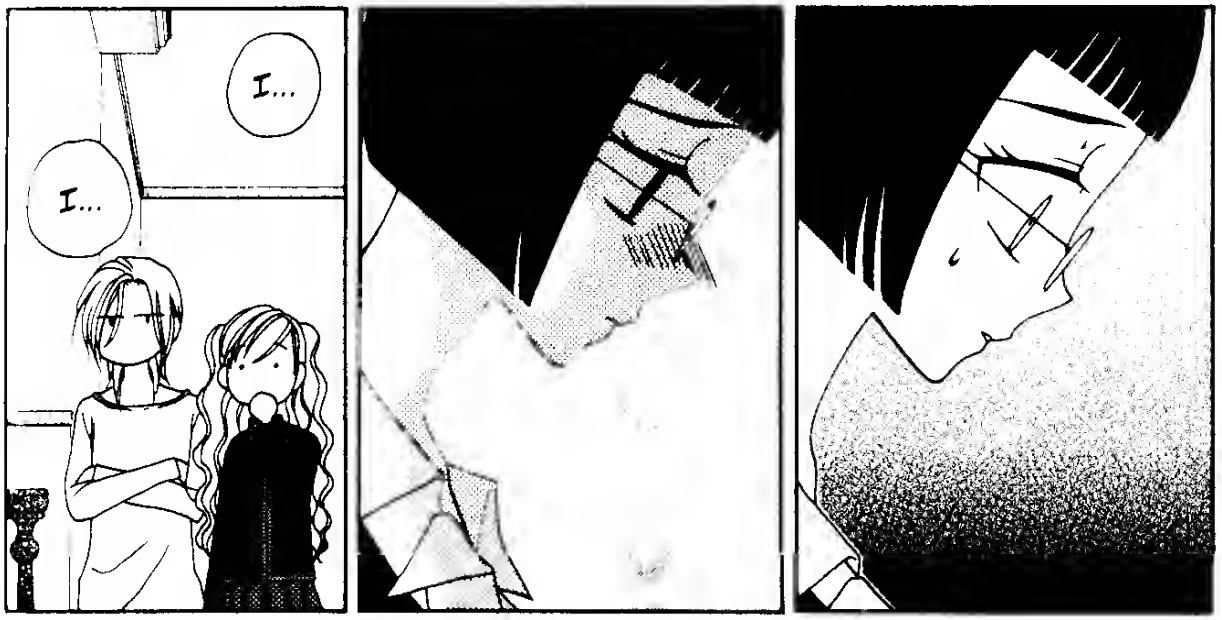
HUH?
YOU KNOW...
WHEN YOU GET SO CLOSE TO ME...
CHU♥
...I CAN'T HELP KISSING YOU.


は?
HELLO.
HI.
PLEASE, DON'T GO!!
Aghhh!!!
ZOOOOM
SORRY FOR INTRU-DING!

MITSUYA-SAMA TAKES THE STAGE AGAIN?!!
THAT'S NOT NICE, ICHIHASHI.
TWITCH
I JUST LEFT THOSE TWO ALONE.
UHHHH...
Oh no!
OHH.
I-I J-J-JUST C... CAME TO DROP THIS OFF...
CLITTER CLATTER
THEN WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO LEAVE WITHOUT DELIVERING IT?
SHIVER
UMMMM...
STAB
STAB
STAB
SHIVER

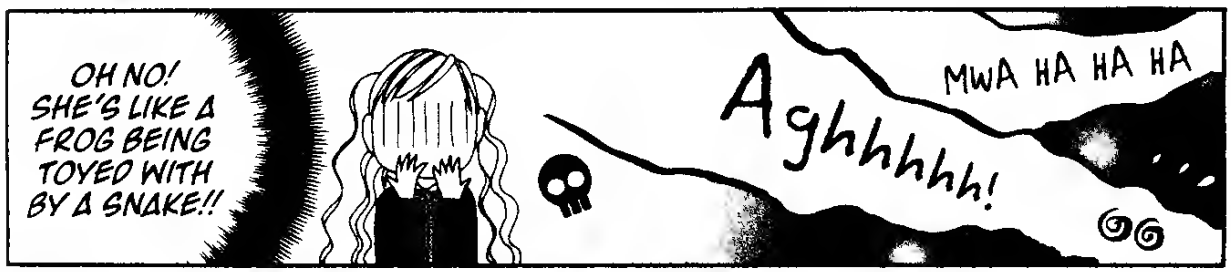
ICHIHASH!...
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU THIS FOR A WHILE...
WHY DON'T YOU TRY LOOKING AT ME WHEN YOU TALK, HUH?
I CAN'T DO THAT!!!
ZERO HESITATION.

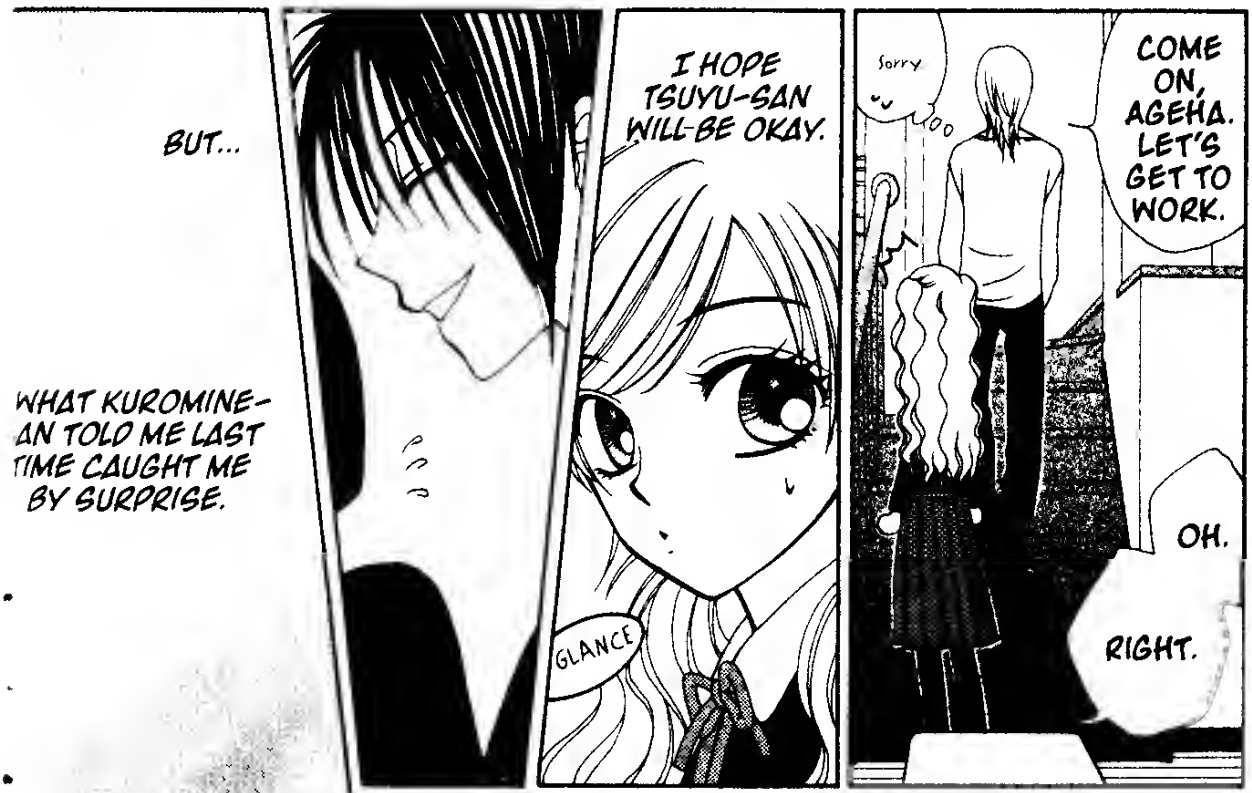
WHY NOT?
...


I...
I...

I CAN'T DESERVE TO LOOK YOU IN THE EYES...
...AFTER...
...WHAT I DID TO YOU.
HMPH.
SO YOU'RE OWNING UP TO IT NOW.

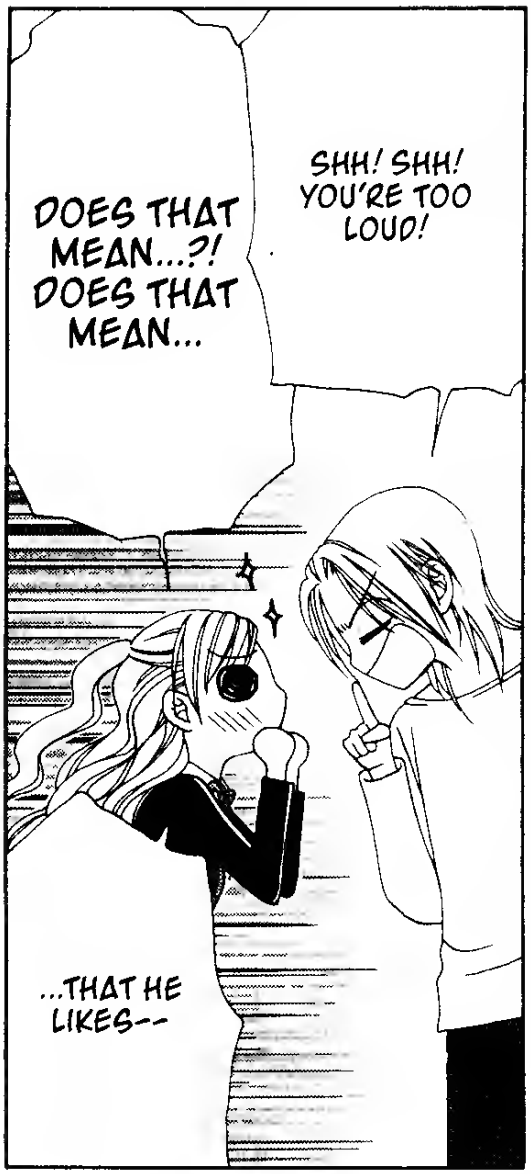
ACK!
GRIN
THEN WHY ARE YOU HERE RIGHT NOW, HUH?


OH NO! SHE'S LIKE A FROG BEING TOYED WITH BY A SNAKE!!
MWA HA HA HA
Aghhhhh!

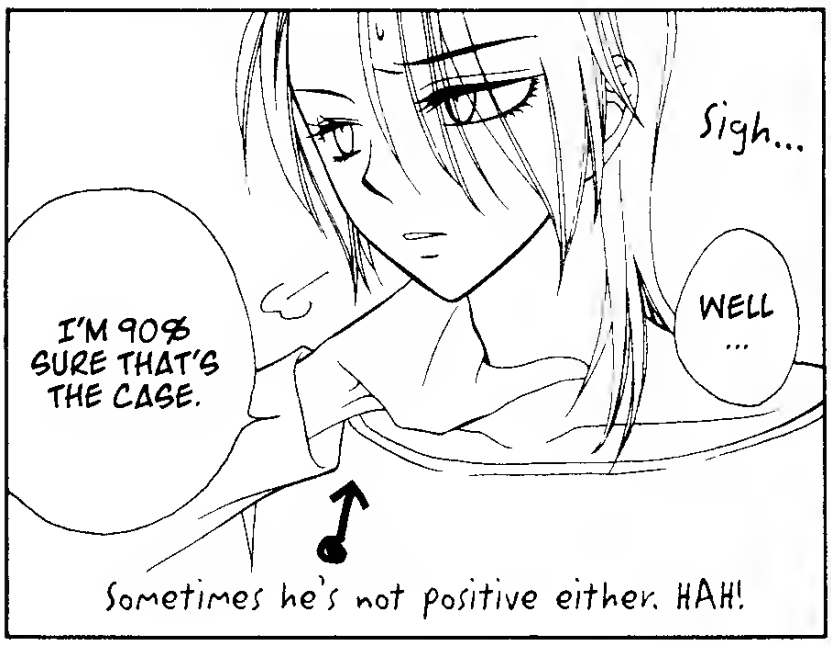

BUT...
WHAT KUROMINE-AN TOLD ME LAST TIME CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE.
I HOPE TSUYU-SAN WILL BE OKAY.
GLANCE
Sorry
COME ON, AGEHA. LET'S GET TO WORK.
OH. RIGHT.

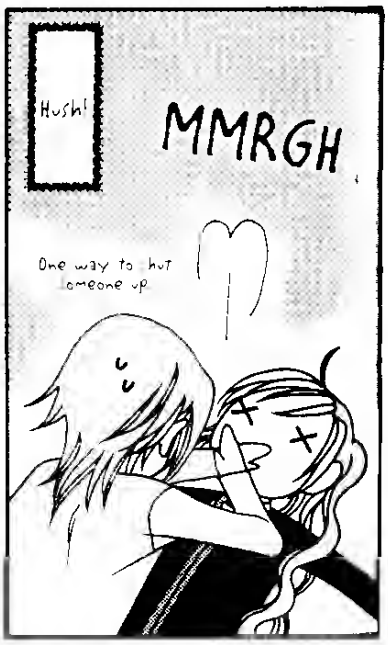
WHO KNEW THAT HE HAD A GIRL WHO HE WAS REALLY HUNG UP ON?
I WONDER...
HE TOLD ME ABOUT HOW HE AND ARISAKA-SAN MET IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
"I LIKED THIS GIRL ONCE. I STILL THINK ABOUT HER ALL THE TIME."
...FEELS THAT WAY ABOUT HER?
...IF HE STILL...
THAT WAS TEN YEARS AGO NOW.

HEYA, ARISAKA-SAN...
MAN, HE'S JUST OUT OF CONTROL.
What- what?
GOOD LUCK, TSUYU-SAN!
SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE
...WHY IS KUROMINE-SAN LIKE THAT TO TSUYU-SAN?
MWA HA HA!!
EEK!!!
UM...
Tell me, tell me!
WORM IN THE HAIR...?
IT'S LIKE WHEN A KID PUTS A WORM IN THE HAIR OF A GIRL HE LIKES.
Not going to drop the subject. Ever.


DOES THAT MEAN...?! DOES THAT MEAN...
SHH! SHH! YOU'RE TOO LOUD!
...THAT HE LIKES--

OH MY GOD!!!


Sigh...
WELL ...
I'M 90% SURE THAT'S THE CASE.
Sometimes he's not positive either. HAH!

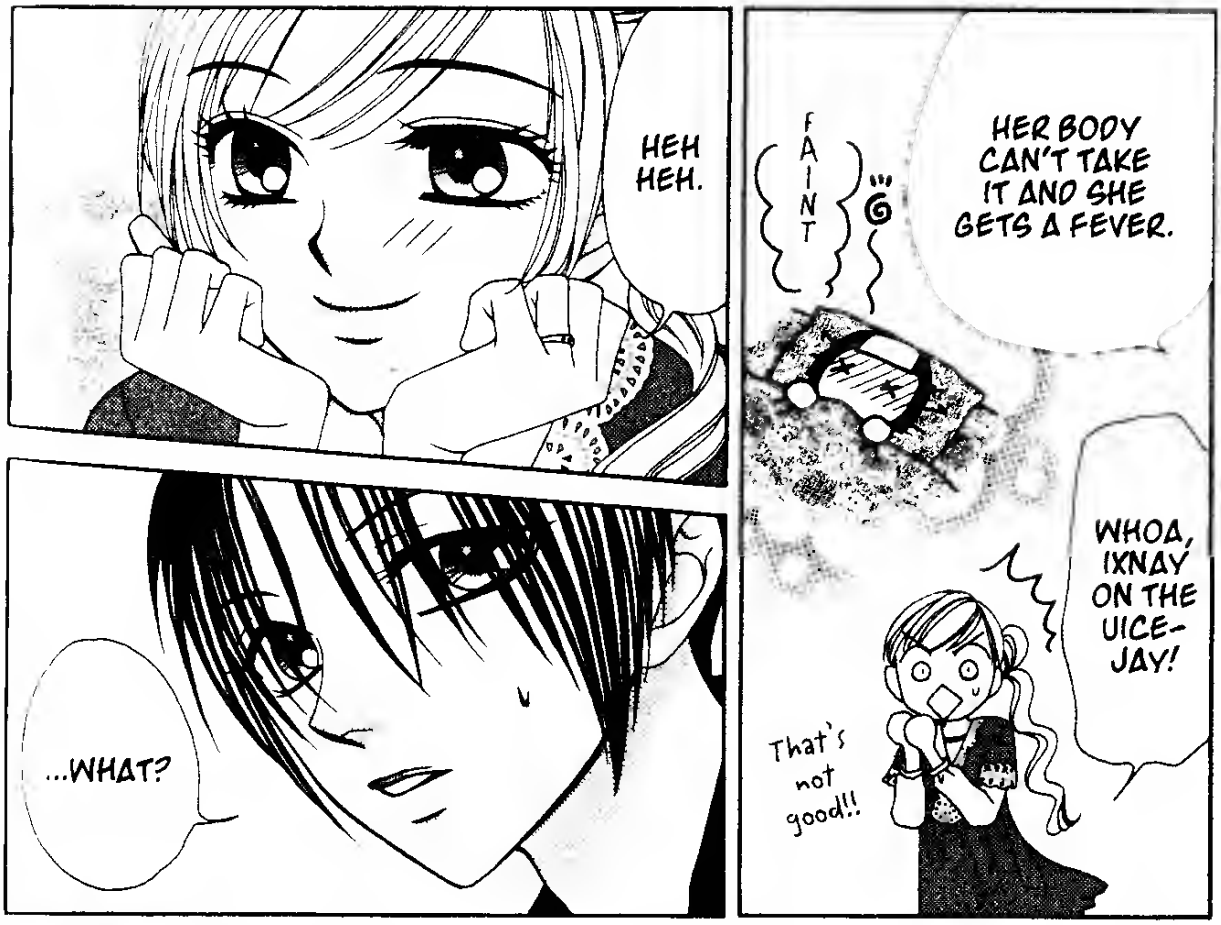

Hush!
MMRGH
One way to shut someone up

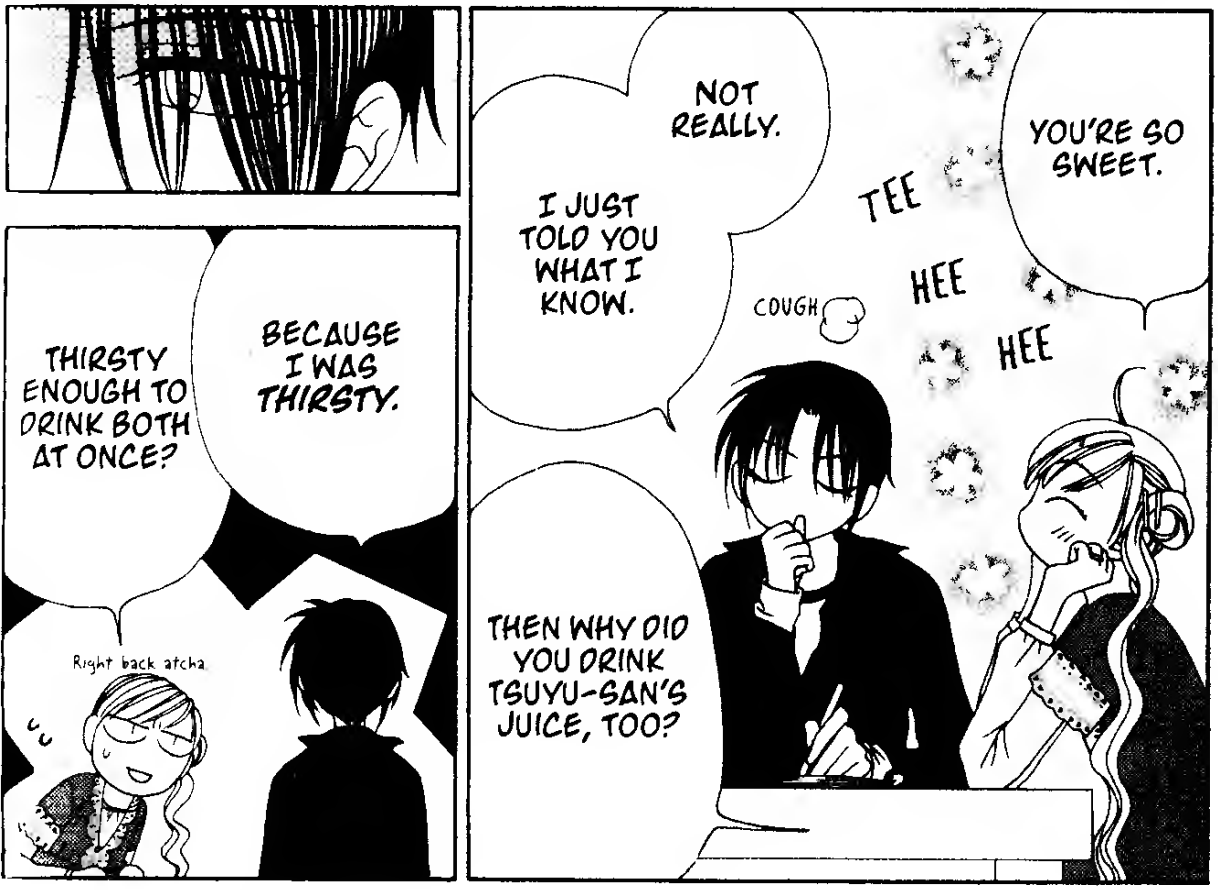
THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON SINCE WAY BACK THEN!
COME TO THINK OF IT, THEY WENT TO THE SAME ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!!
THEN THAT MEANS... IT MUST MEAN...
A-CHOO!
QUIVER QUIVER
SQUEE!!♡
SHUT UP AND GET BACK TO WORK!
...?
Ughh
SNIFFLE
WHAAAT?!
ICHI-HASHI, HAVE YOU BEEN TALKING ABOUT ME BEHIND YOUR BACK?

V
...
AGEHA-CHAN, ALL THAT ADORABLE DREAMY ENERGY IS MAKING ME WANT TO KISS YOU.
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO GO IN THAT DIRECTION?!!
Jeez, you scared me!
...

YEAH, YESTERDAY...
...MISS SILLY FORGOT TO DROP OFF HER WORK.
WHO'S FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
I HEARD TSUYU-SAN'S COMING BY AGAIN TODAY. ♡
IT'S NOT MY FAULT.
COUGH
ERM?
DID YOU CATCH A COLD? ARE YOU OKAY?
SNIFFLE
NO, I DON'T THINK I DID.
WELL, I BROUGHT SOMETHING YUMMY TODAY! ♪
THESE ARE FOR ALL OF US. ♡
FRUIT JUICE! ♪
GET YOUR VITAMINS AND SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR COLD!
A ORANGE 100%
A GRAPE 100%
TA-DAH! ♡

ARRGH!!
YOU BROUGHT ONE FOR ICHIHASHI, TOO?
YEP!
Of course!
Orange
Grape
SUCKKK
ORANGE-GRAPE MIX...
...TASTES WEIRD.
Hey, dorkface!
BURP!
THEN DON'T GUZZLE THEM LIKE THAT!!
HUH?
DON'T GIVE ICHIHASHI STORE-BOUGHT JUICE.
A WORD TO THE WISE, AGEHA-CHAN.
COUGH


HEH HEH.
...WHAT?
FAINT
HER BODY CAN'T TAKE IT AND SHE GETS A FEVER.
WHOA, IXNAY ON THE UICE-JAY!
That's not good!!


THIRSTY ENOUGH TO DRINK BOTH AT ONCE?
BECAUSE I WAS THIRSTY.
Right back atcha
NOT REALLY.
I JUST TOLD YOU WHAT I KNOW.
COUGH
TEE HEE HEE
YOU'RE SO SWEET.
THEN WHY DID YOU DRINK TSUYU-SAN'S JUICE, TOO?

The dreaded "forehead flick" offensive.

SHE FEELS GUILTY...
YEOWCH!
DO YOU KNOW WHY ICHIHASHI'S LIKE SHE IS AROUND ME?
Aghhhh!
BECAUSE OF "MITSUYA-SAMA."
BEEP! WRONG. THANKS FOR PLAYING.

...ABOUT WHAT SHE DID TO ME.
...HUH...?
AGEHA-CHAN...
...WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW THE WHOLE STORY?
OOOH, HOW DOES IT GO?!
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?
I DO!!
BADUM BADUM
BOINK

ICHI-
HASHI...
"I'M
SORRY."
...REJECTED
ME IN SIXTH
GRADE.
WHAT?!

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YEEEE! THAT'S RATHER EXCITING

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Episode 65

WHAT AM I HEARING?!
TSUYU-SAN REJECTED KUROMINE-SAN BACK IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?
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HELLO! IT'S ICHIHASHI!
Is everyone up in the atelier?
SLAM
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
LOOK WHO'S HERE...
CLATTER

TSUYU-SAN!
YES?
AGEHA-CHAN!
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
?!
DO YOU HAVE A MINUTE?
FOOMP
?!
Oh my...!
YOU NEVER TOLD ME!
caffe Andante

GNAW
GNAW
OH!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M MAD AT YOU OR ANYTHING!
Like, I had no idea!
I'M JUST SURPRISED.
Oh... okay.
Phew.
.....

UM...
YOU SAID YOU MOVED RIGHT AFTER YOU FINISHED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RIGHT?
YES, THAT'S IT.
REMEMBER I TOLD YOU ABOUT HOW I HAD TO MOVE BECAUSE OF MY PARENTS?
MY DAD TOOK CUSTODY OF ME...
...AND WE MOVED TO HIS HOMETOWN.
I HAD TO MOVE BECAUSE MY PARENTS GOT A DIVORCE.

I WAS CONSTANTLY COMPARED.
MY WELL-MANNERED LITTLE BROTH-ER...
...TO STUPID, CLUMSY ME.
THE REASON WAS THAT MY MOTHER WAS SO OBSESSED WITH MY LITTLE BROTHER...
...THAT SHE TREATED ME QUITE HARSHLY.
YOU COULD SAY IT WAS EMOTIONAL ABUSE.

BECAUSE IT WAS TOO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE TO HIM.
...ANOTHER GIRL IN MY CLASS...
...LIKED KUROMINE-KUN.
AND PLUS...

...KUROMINE-KUN IS YOUR FRIEND, RIGHT?
YE...
YEAH.
ICHIHASHI-SAN...
DO YOU KNOW IF HE LIKES ANYONE?
I...
HER FEELINGS FOR HIM WERE THE SAME AS MINE.
...DON'T KNOW.
MY CLASS-MATE'S FACE TURNED SO RED.

"YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING."
WHEN YOU'RE BEING PUT DOWN SO OFTEN...
...YOU START TO BELIEVE THEIR LIES.
"YOU REALLY ARE NO GOOD!"
"IT'S EMBARRASS-ING FOR YOUR BROTHER TO HAVE AN OLDER SISTER LIKE YOU!"
AND THEN I WAS TOO SHY TO TALK TO PEOPLE...
...SO I DIDN'T MAKE VERY MANY FRIENDS AT SCHOOL.
I THOUGHT THAT I WAS WORTHLESS, LIKE SHE SAID.

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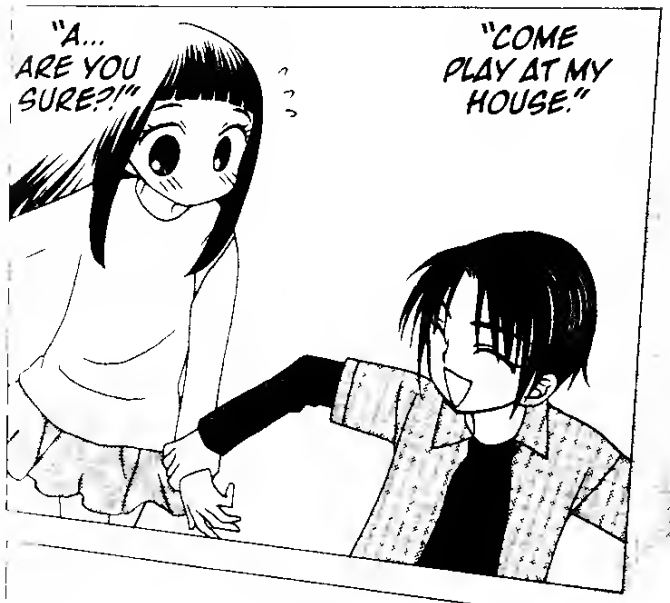
THEN ONE DAY...
THAT SERIES IS REALLY INTEREST-ING, HUH?
I'M READING IT, TOO.
YOU REALLY LIKE READ-ING BOOKS, DON'T YOU?



YEAH...

KUROMINE-KUN...

My book collection is awesome, so I'll lend you some.

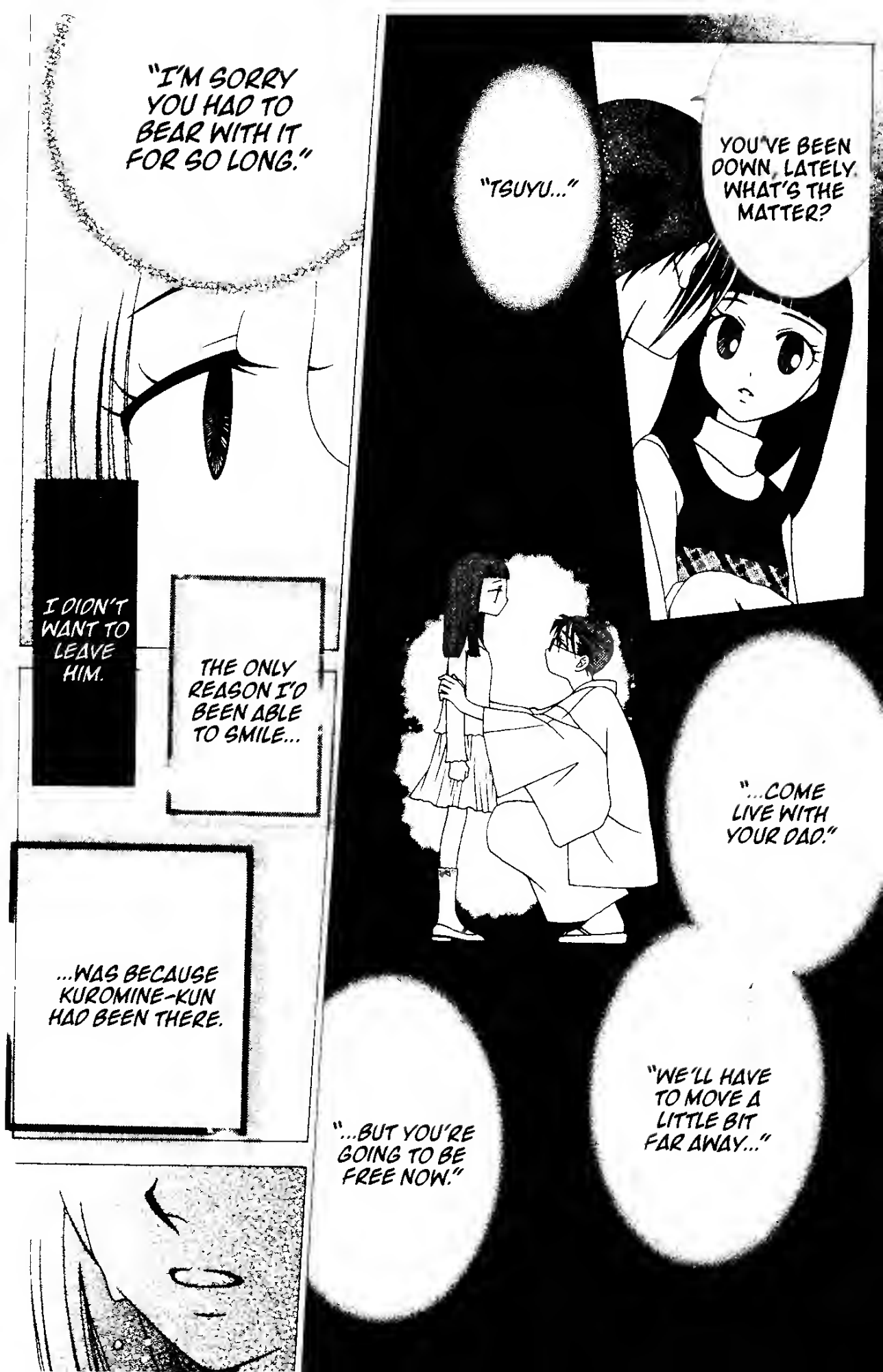
Th... Thanks.

...OPENED HIS HEART TO ME AND SHOWED ME A TASTE OF KINDNESS.

...MY MEMO-RIES...
...FROM THOSE DAYS.
...REALLY TREASURE ...
I REALLY ...
YOU LIKED HIM!
AND YOU LIKED EACH OTHER!
SO WHY DID YOU REJECT HIM?!

KUROMINE
YOU WERE TALKING TO A GIRL IN CLASS TODAY.
THAT'S PRETTY UNUSUAL.
HUH?
I WAS JUST SAYING, THAT YOU WERE TALKING TO A GIRL IN--
YEAH! I WAS!
ARRF!

AND I'M SAYING THAT'S UNUSUAL.
START
BADUM
DON'T...
...WORRY...
H...
He's so close.
"DO YOU KNOW..."
"... IF HE LIKES ANY-ONE?"


"I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO BEAR WITH IT FOR SO LONG."
"TSUYU..."
YOU'VE BEEN DOWN LATELY. WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE HIM.
THE ONLY REASON I'D BEEN ABLE TO SMILE...
"...COME LIVE WITH YOUR DAD."
...WAS BECAUSE KUROMINE-KUN HAD BEEN THERE.
"...BUT YOU'RE GOING TO BE FREE NOW."
"WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE A LITTLE BIT FAR AWAY..."

I...
...COULDN'T STAND THE THOUGHT OF NOT BEING WITH HIM.
...
SNIFF
...
UNNH...

HUG
ぎゅーっ…
I THINK YOU ALREADY KNOW...
...BUT I REALLY LIKE YOU.
CAN YOU TELL ME...
...HOW YOU FEEL?

"WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE A BIT FAR AWAY."
!...
CAN YOU GIVE ME A WEEK?

I'm sorry I filled all of the columns with the story of my accident I tried my best to make it sound non depressing...did it not work?

I don't know how to say this...but for those of you who are reading this--!! You may run into challenging and painful situations, but you'll get through them! Yargh!!! Life is beautiful!! Thank you so much for traveling along this road with me!

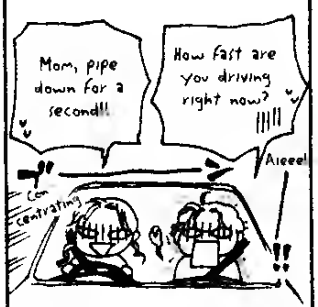
Hmm... That didn't sound very professional.

Anways, everyone. Let's all drive safely and follow the rules of the road with Hidaka!!

So!

The new car that I awaited with baited breath for arrived in December, and I'm still driving it like it belongs to the dealer Yes, that cautiously Meanwhile, my mom will scream at me from the passenger seat, "Hey! Hey! Aren't you driving too fast?! I just know it's too fast!" when I'm driving at 50~60km/hr

It's kind of crazy



We're both traumatized! (We're victims, after all.) So anyways, that was my 2007.

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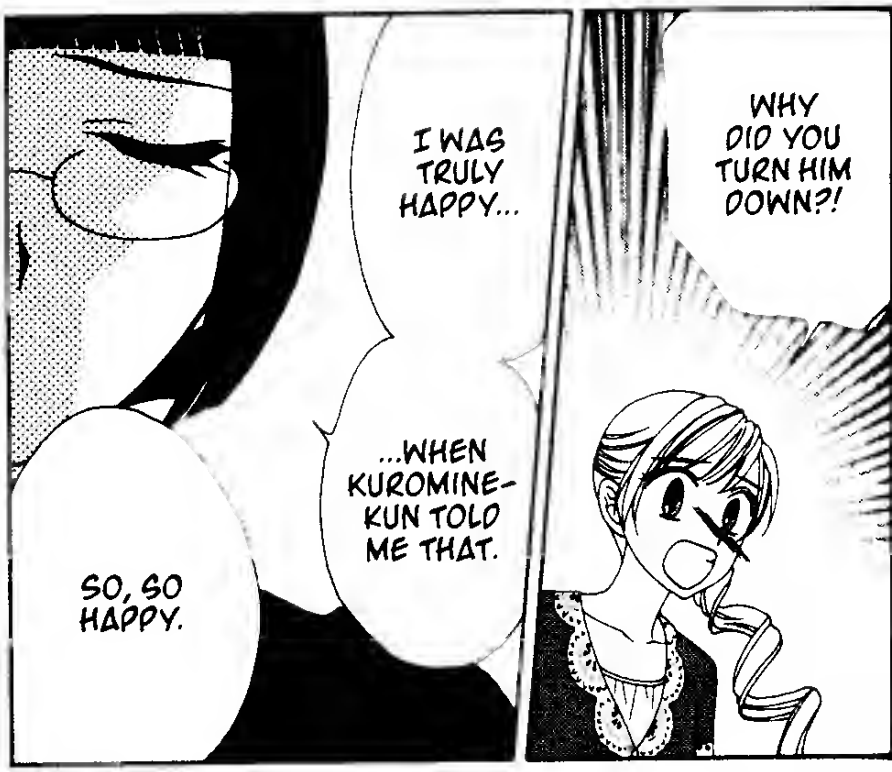


IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE DEVASTATING...
...IF KUROMINE-KUN WERE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE, AND TELL ME "GOODBYE."
I WASN'T CONFIDENT...
...THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO LIKE ME IF I WAS FAR AWAY.
SHAKE
THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
WHO CARES IF IT'S LONG DISTANCE?
YOU MADE ME WANT...
...TO FACE KUROMINE-KUN AGAIN.
TSUYU-SA--
I'M SO GLAD I MET YOU, AGEHA-CHAN.

...MAKES ME SO HAPPY.
Uh...um... my bag...
JUST THE FACT THAT...
...I'M ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIM...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT ...?
BUT...
...THAT WINDOW OF HAP-PINESS IS ABOUT TO CLOSE.
I'M GOING TO CLOSE IT.

MY AUNTIE SET UP...
...AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE MEETING FOR ME.

OH, YUKARI-KUN.
WEL-COME HO--
SHAKE SHAKE
MIITSU!
YOU'RE GOING TO CATCH A COLD.
NNN. ><
...
COUGH
GO TO THE DOCTOR!
COUGH COUGH
MY HEAD HURTS.
No waa-aaay!
ARE YOU KID-DING?!
NO...
IT'S NOT THAT.
COUGH
YOU ALREADY CAUGHT A COLD?!

I...
...TOLD AGEHA-CHAN AN OLD STORY.
I'm getting you cold medicine
WHAT DID YOU DO TO YOURSELF?
3000NE
COUGH
CLATTER
BANG
HUH?!
YUKARI-KUN...

WHY DON'T YOU BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF ALREADY?
I BET SHE'S LISTENING TO ICHIHASHI'S SIDE OF THE STORY RIGHT NOW.
ENOUGH.
HOW MUCH OF IT?
...that Ageha-chan yells at her
I bet 1000 points...
COUGH
YOU STILL LIKE HER DON'T YOU?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SENT HER FLOWERS...
... WHEN SHE BROKE HER LEG, RIGHT?

HMM?
バン
THUD
バババ
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
I NEVER THOUGHT THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN YOU WOULD TALK TO ME ABOUT LOVE!
SHUT UP!
Yeah, I know it doesn't suit me. Jeez.
HMPH
COUGH

MITSUYA KUROMINE!!
AGEHA... HE'S KIND OF SICK...
AGEH--
...AND HARASSING HER LIKE A LITTLE BOY!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR HIDING YOUR FEELINGS...
YOU FREAKING IDIOT!!
BEARGH!

CLATTER
WOOZE...
WHAT DO YOU ME--
TSUYU-SAN IS GOING TO HAVE AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE MEETING!
KUROMINE-SAN?!

This story is more of a documentary than a comedy

I ARRIVED IN TOKYO ON THE 7TH...

...AND FLEW INTO TAIWAN ON THE 8TH.

Eheh

← Hidaka (summer version)

I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD AN AUTOGRAPH-SIGNING IN TAIWAN ON AUGUST 9TH. ♡

She was very beautiful.

...MS. WEI WEI FROM CHOUKOU PUBLISHERS. SHE WAS ALSO MY INTERPRETER. ♡

WE WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE LADY WHO INVITED ME TO TAIWAN...

Nice to meet you ♡

BADUM BOW BADUM

Hi, nice to meet you! Thank you so much for inviting me!! Let's have a great time together

PLUS, I GOT TO FLY BUSINESS CLASS. I WAS EXCITED BEFORE I EVEN LEFT THE HOUSE.

IT WAS MY SECOND TIME ON AN AIRPLANE AND MY FIRST TIME LEAVING THE COUNTRY!

Bewildered civilian

ROARRR

This must be fun for you

We even got three delicious chocolates at snacks during the plane ride

QUIVER QUIVER

Ishihara san, the representative from my publisher

By the way, happens to be on a diet Chocolate was only allowed on the first day

Although I'm told often that I'm exactly like her on the inside

WHAAAT?!

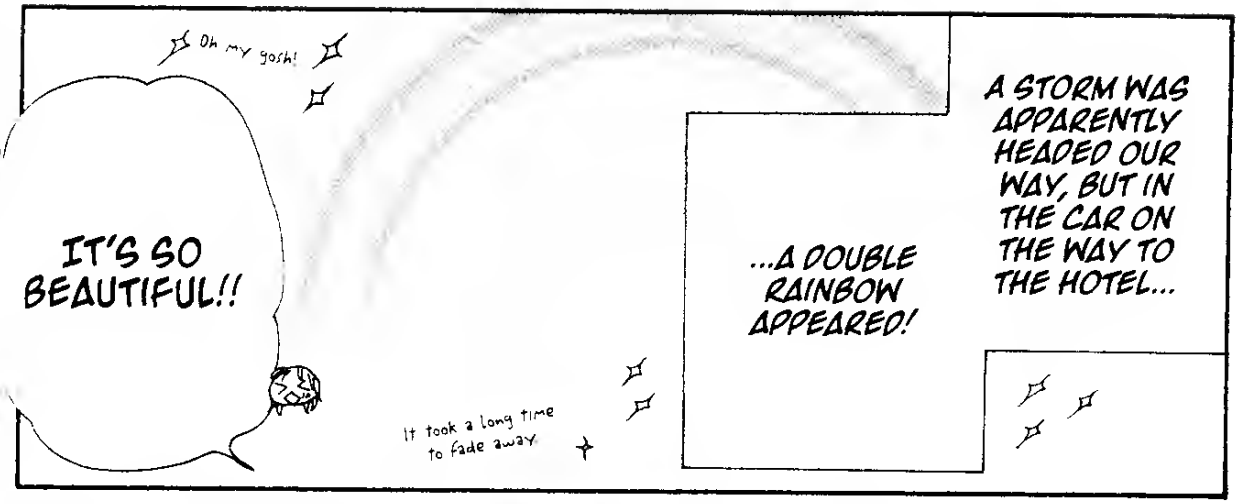
No way!

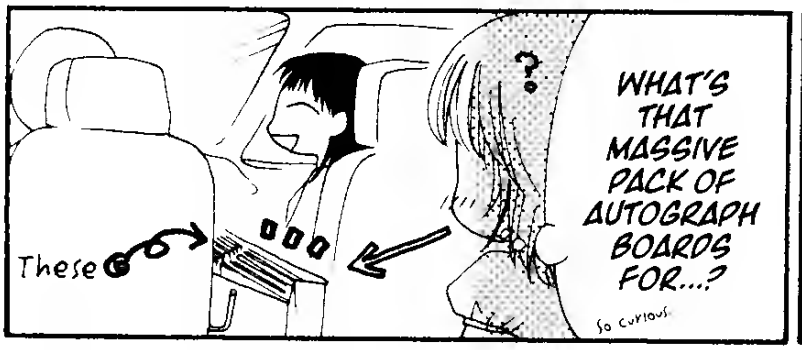
I knew right away it was you

HIDAKA-SAN, YOU LOOK LIKE AGEHA-CHAN! ♡

I'm sorry, I'm sorry!

A chubby 31 year old with an average face who wears teenager clothing


Oh my gosh!
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!!
It took a long time to fade away
...A DOUBLE RAINBOW APPEARED!
A STORM WAS APPARENTLY HEADED OUR WAY, BUT IN THE CAR ON THE WAY TO THE HOTEL...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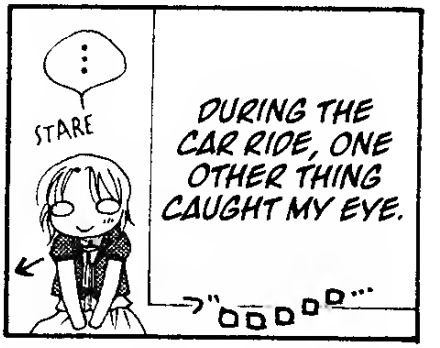
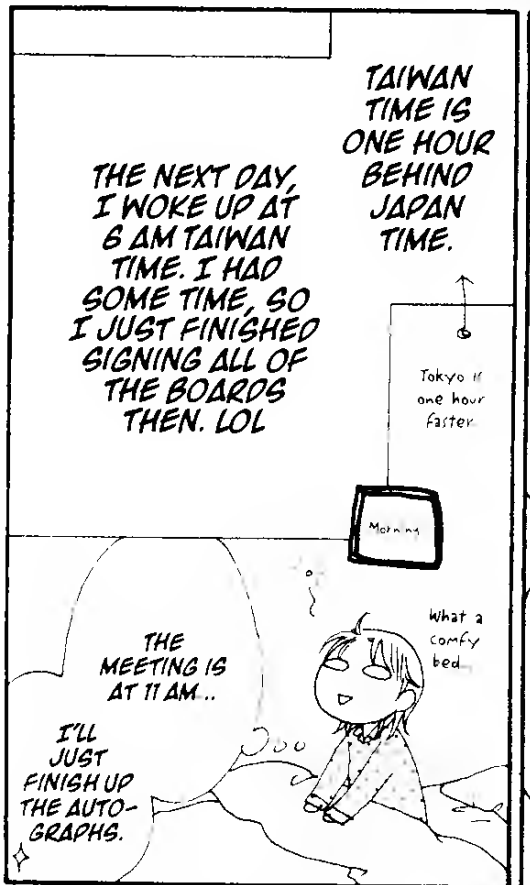
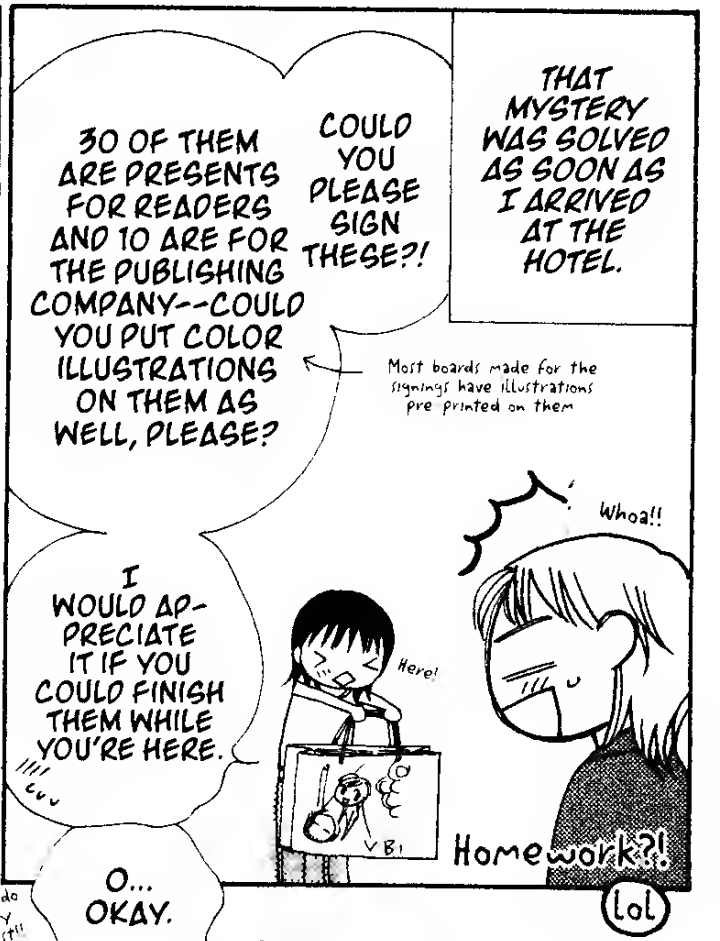
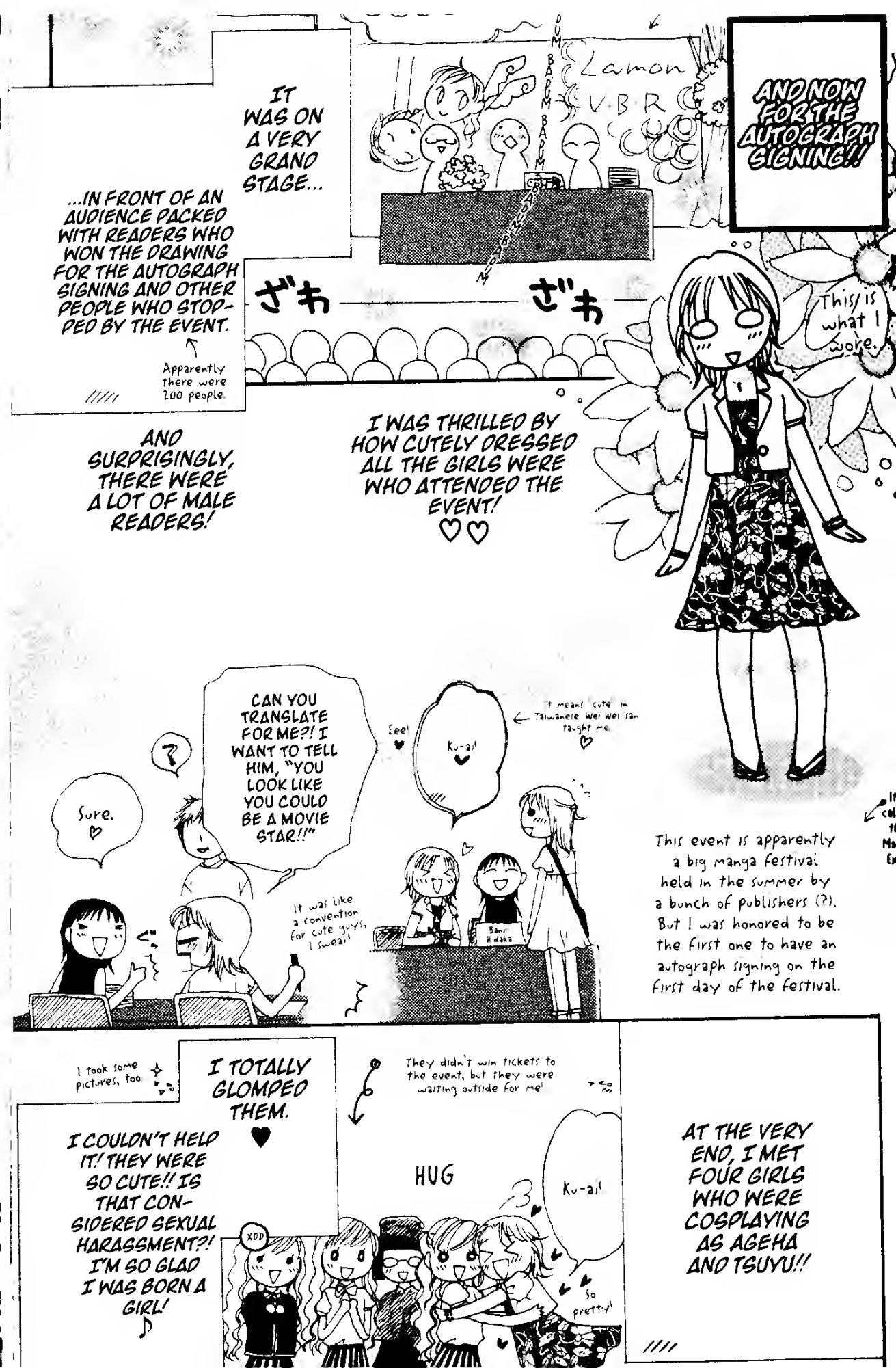
WHAT'S THAT MASSIVE PACK OF AUTOGRAPH BOARDS FOR...?
So curious.


STARE
DURING THE CAR RIDE, ONE OTHER THING CAUGHT MY EYE.


THE NEXT DAY, I WOKE UP AT 6 AM TAIWAN TIME. I HAD SOME TIME, SO I JUST FINISHED SIGNING ALL OF THE BOARDS THEN. LOL
TAIWAN TIME IS ONE HOUR BEHIND JAPAN TIME.
Tokyo is one hour faster
Morning
What a comfy bed...
THE MEETING IS AT 11 AM..
I'LL JUST FINISH UP THE AUTO-GRAPHS.


THAT MYSTERY WAS SOLVED AS SOON AS I ARRIVED AT THE HOTEL.
COULD YOU PLEASE SIGN THESE?!
30 OF THEM ARE PRESENTS FOR READERS AND 10 ARE FOR THE PUBLISHING COMPANY--COULD YOU PUT COLOR ILLUSTRATIONS ON THEM AS WELL, PLEASE?
Most boards made for the signings have illustrations pre printed on them
I WOULD AP-PRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD FINISH THEM WHILE YOU'RE HERE.
Here!
Whoa!!
Homework?!
lol
O... OKAY.
I'll do my best!!
What?! You're already done?!
Here!
I'm done with my homework!


AND NOW FOR THE AUTOGRAPH SIGNING!!
Lamon VBR
BAUM BAUM BAUM
ざわ ざわ
IT WAS ON A VERY GRAND STAGE...
...IN FRONT OF AN AUDIENCE PACKED WITH READERS WHO WON THE DRAWING FOR THE AUTOGRAPH SIGNING AND OTHER PEOPLE WHO STOPPED BY THE EVENT.
Apparently there were 200 people.
AND SURPRISINGLY, THERE WERE A LOT OF MALE READERS!
I WAS THRILLED BY HOW CUTELY DRESSED ALL THE GIRLS WERE WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT! ♡♡
This is what I wore.
CAN YOU TRANSLATE FOR ME?! I WANT TO TELL HIM, "YOU LOOK LIKE YOU COULD BE A MOVIE STAR!!"
?
Sure. ♡
Eee! ♡
Ku-ai! ♡
It means cute in Taiwanese. Wei Wei-san taught me. ♡
It was like a convention for cute guys, I swear!
Banri Hidaka
This event is apparently a big manga festival held in the summer by a bunch of publishers (?). But I was honored to be the first one to have an autograph signing on the first day of the festival.
I took some pictures, too. ✧
I TOTALLY GLOMPED THEM. ♥
I COULDN'T HELP IT! THEY WERE SO CUTE!! IS THAT CONSIDERED SEXUAL HARASSMENT?! I'M SO GLAD I WAS BORN A GIRL! ♪
They didn't win tickets to the event, but they were waiting outside for me!
HUG
XDD
Ku-ai!
So pretty!
AT THE VERY END, I MET FOUR GIRLS WHO WERE COSPLAYING AS AGEHA AND TSUYU!!

I had orange juice, though

THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!!

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY WAS SO YOUNG AND CHEERFUL, AND THE EDITORS AND EMPLOYEES WERE ALL REALLY GREAT PEOPLE!!

His Japanese is great!!

Ha ha ha!

We had my favorite Chinese food at a round table

Thank you all so much for inviting me to Taiwan!!!

We even had a great time telling each other jokes.

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I love Peking Duck!

AT NIGHT, I HAD DINNER WITH THE PEOPLE FROM THE PUBLISHING COMPANY THAT INVITED ME.

WHEN WE WERE PARTING AT THE AIRPORT, WEI WEI CRIED SO MUCH.

SEEING HER TEARS MADE ME CHOKE UP, TOO.

AND FINALLY THE 11TH CAME AND IT WAS TIME FOR ME TO GO HOME.

I'll do my best to make that promise come true.

Thank you so much for being so nice to me during these four days!

Real Chinese food is so much better

Everything I had rocked.

It was a very enjoyable three days in Taiwan.

I gained 1 kg LOL

ON THE 10TH, I HAD SOME FREE TIME TO GO HAVE SOME DIM SUM, SO I HAD LOADS OF DIM SUM AT THE FAMOUS DIN TAI FUNG!!

I became such good friends with Wei Wei that we were linking arms and skipping

SKIP

SKIP

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We have lots of things planned for 2008, so keep an eye on us!!

I'LL SEE YOU NEXT IN V.B. ROSE VOLUME 12. ♡

AND NOW, V.B. ROSE IS HEADING TOWARD ITS FINALE. ☆

IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FULL OF GREAT NEW FRIENDS!

I AM FILLED WITH APPRECIATION FOR HAKUSENSHA AND CHOUKOU PUBLISHING FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY!

I love getting mail! Send yours to:

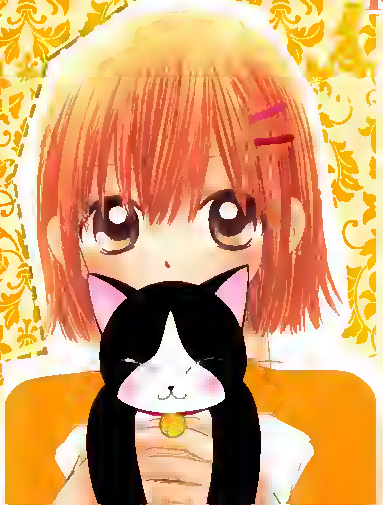
attn: Banri Hidaka
c/o TOKYOPOP
5900 Wilshire Blvd,
Suite 2000
Los Angeles, CA 90036

I'll be waiting ♡

Runa Hidaka Everything Heaven | End

VB ROSE VOL. 12 COMING SOON!

...ALWAYS LOOKING AWAY...
...TO SEE HER LOOKING DOWN LIKE THAT...
IT ALWAYS BOTHERED ME...
THESE FEELINGS STARTED LONG AGO IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
...BUT NOW TSUYU IS CONSIDERING WALKING THE PATH OF AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE...
SO, I HEARD YOU'RE THINKING OF GETTING MARRIED...
JUST WHAT ARE MITSUYA AND TSUYU WAITING FOR...?!



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SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN THIS CHAPTER. JUST TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THIS IS THE LAST CHP THAT I HAVE SCANNED. I MAY BE ABLE TO GET VOLUME 6. AFTER THAT, THE FUTURE OF VD ROSE WILL RELY ON A TRANSLATOR. I THINK THAT ANOTHER GROUP IS INTERESTED IN THE PROJECT, SINCE TOKYOPOP HAS CLOSED DOWN

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